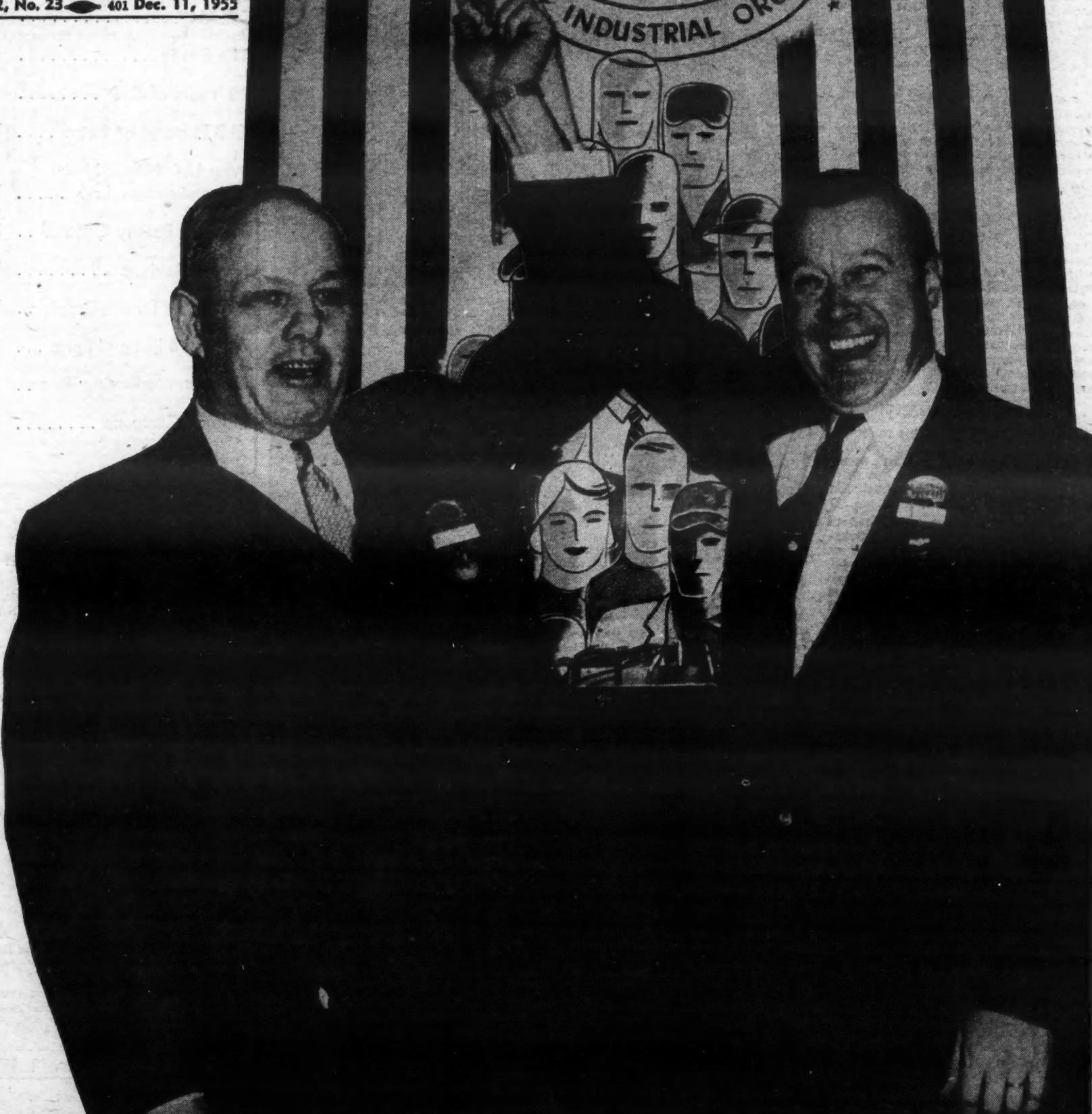


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-TOGETHER!



**ARCHITECTS OF LABOR UNITY**, George Meany and Walter Reuther, are acclaimed by delegates to historic founding convention of AFL-CIO in New York City Dec. 5-10. Behind them, giant backdrop in convention hall characterizes spirit of merger.

## BULLETIN: Two RWDSU Victories in The South

As this issue of *The Record* went to press, reports came in of two important election victories in the South, involving a total of nearly 400 workers.

In Charlotte, N.C., Int'l Rep. Irving Lebold reported, an NLRB election Dec. 6 among employees of the American Bakery resulted in a vote of 100 for RWDSU, 6 for an AFL union, and 33 for no union. Lebold had led the two-month organizing drive, aided by the Textile Workers Union.

In Franklin, Va., Int'l Rep. Henry Hamilton reported, workers of the Pretlow Peanut Co. on Dec. 7 voted 111 to 52 for RWDSU, with an additional 22 union votes challenged by the company. The election climaxed a year-long drive, following initial contact with the workers by Local 26 Vice-Pres. Alfred Bailey. Pres. Leroy Harris of '26' also played an important role in the campaigns, as did Hamilton and a committee of Pretlow workers.

## Curtain Dips on Glorious Chapter in Labor History

# CIO Merger Vote Near-Unanimous

NEW YORK CITY—The curtain dipped Dec. 2 on a brave and glorious chapter in the history of the CIO.

In an atmosphere of sentiment and nostalgia heartily laced with exuberant confidence in a brighter day to come, nearly 700 delegates to the 17th constitutional convention of the CIO voted all but unanimously to merge with their brothers in the AFL at another convention—the first constitutional convention of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

They did not vote to liquidate the CIO, to kill it or put it out of existence. Their action meant, in the words of the Implementation Agreement, that neither CIO nor AFL "shall be deemed, for any purpose, to be dissolved, terminated or discontinued," but that "they shall be combined and continued as a single organization."

While the CIO was acting, the AFL meeting, a scant three blocks away, approved merger with a salvo of applause that seemed to surprise some observers. Both the discussion and the voting were marked by harmony.

There was but brief debate on the merger proposal at the CIO convention. The only vocal opposition, as expected, came from Pres. Michael J. Quill of the Transport Workers, who said he was both "personally opposed to this form of merger" and was bound by his union's convention action.

He charged the proposed constitution was "tailored to meet the approval of the top command of the AFL," and was not a constitution but "a license for inter-union warfare, a license for racketeering and a license for discrimination against minority groups."

### Reuther Replies to Quill

Reuther struck hard in his reply. He demolished Quill's arguments on raiding, discrimination and racketeering, maintaining in each case that "you can write all of the words you want," but "you have got to make them live."

"I simply say this," he concluded in what was a statement of basic CIO belief. "This is a matter of believing. If we have faith in the ideals, in the principles, in the human and moral and social values for which the CIO has been a beacon light, then there is nothing to be afraid of."

"If we are sure of our values, as I am sure we are, and if we are sure of ourselves, then this is not the end. This is that new and glorious beginning."



TWENTY YEARS OF CIO was dramatized at CIO convention in pageant titled "Image of Freedom." Melvyn Douglas, noted stage and screen actor, was narrator. Above, Douglas is congratulated by CIO Pres. Walter Reuther after finale of the stirring presentation. See feature "20 Years of CIO" on Pages 9, 10.



Some of RWDSU delegates and observers at CIO Convention Dec. 1 and 2 are shown above. In foreground are Leon Davis, Jack Paley, Arthur Osman, Max Greenberg, David Livingston and Bill Michelson. Behind them are Louis Feldstein, John Freeman, Alex Ball, Sam Ohrenstein, Martin C. Kyne and Carl Andrew.

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# AFL-CIO IS BORN!

NEW YORK CITY—A new era for American labor opened Monday, Dec. 5, with the birth of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. More than 1,400 delegates representing 15 million organized workers were joined by 5,000 observers and guests at the huge 71st Regiment Armory in New York City where the new federation came into being.

The historic convention formally established the unity of American labor which has been talked about for so many years, setting up the largest and most powerful organization of free labor in the world.

A large delegation representing the Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Union was headed by Pres. Max Greenberg and the other top officers of the International Union: Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps, Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, and Exec. Vice-Presidents Arthur Osman, Alex Bail and Sam Kovenetsky. Other delegates and alternates included Vice-Presidents Samuel Lowenthal, David Livingston, Julius Sum, Thomas Leone, Louis Feldstein, Martin Koppel, George Braverman, N. Jerome Kaplan, William Michelson, Cleveland Robinson, Theodor Bowman, Martin Kyne and Earl Wolfman, as well as other members of the International Executive Board and visitors from many New York locals.

## Meany, Reuther Wield Gavel

The Convention was opened jointly by AFL Pres. George Meany and CIO Pres. Walter Reuther on behalf of the Unity Committee which had negotiated the merger. Reuther then served as temporary chairman for the rest of the morning session during which Cardinal Spellman delivered the invocation and Mayor Robert F. Wagner welcomed the delegates.

By the end of the first day, the resolution proclaiming the merger had been officially adopted with roars of applause by the Convention. George Meany was elected President of the AFL-CIO, William Schnitzler, Secretary-Treasurer, and 27 Vice-Presidents were named, 17 from the AFL and ten from the CIO. All were unanimously elected to lead the new merged body.

RWDSU Pres. Greenberg was named to a post on the AFL-CIO General Board, a representative body of leaders from each of the 142 affiliated unions. Pres. Greenberg was also designated a member of the Convention's Resolutions Committee and other RWDSU officers were named to various other Convention bodies.

The importance of the Convention was attested to by the presence at the press table of 250 newspaper men representing every major press association, foreign press service and many individual newspapers and magazines. Scores of photographers, newsreel and television camera men helped to record the historic occasion.

The calibre of speakers at the Convention also reflected its importance to the



RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg congratulates AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany upon his election to presidency of the 15,000,000 member merged labor federation. Meany was named by unanimous vote on first day of Convention.

nation and the world. Among the notables addressing the gathering were President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who spoke to the delegates by telephone from his farm in Gettysburg, Pa. in the first speech he has made since his heart attack several months ago; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson, Governor Averell Harriman; Thurgood Marshall, General Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; U. S. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell and a host of other dignitaries.

Interspersed among the speeches was a program of Convention business which put the new AFL-CIO on its feet as a going organization. Among these were a number of resolutions on major policy questions recommended by the Resolutions Committee which integrated previous AFL and CIO statements on these issues.

In other actions the Convention set up various departments, including the Industrial Union Department of which the RWDSU and other former CIO unions will be members. It is expected that the International Association of Machinists and other former AFL unions which are largely industrial will also enter the department.

For the first time in the history of a major national labor federation, two Negro leaders were elected as Vice-Presidents. They are Willard S. Townsend, president of the United Transport Service Employees, formerly CIO; and A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, formerly AFL.

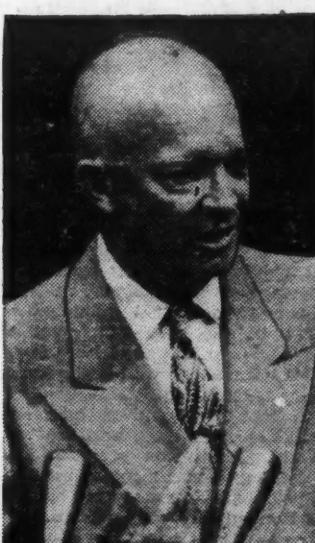
Pres. Meany, who was nominated as the first president of AFL-CIO by Walter Reuther, declared the merger to be "the most important trade union development of our time." He went on to spell out a

program for the great new federation aimed at winning improved economic conditions, better schools and housing, with heavy concentration on securing legislation to protect the working people of America.

Elaborating on the economic and social gains the combined labor organizations hope to realize, he declared:

"We would be less than truthful if we did not admit to ourselves that the legislative trend in so far as liberal and remedial legislation is concerned, legislation in which we have a vital interest, in the last eight years has been backward and not forward. And it is up to us, using every weapon at our command under the Constitution of this country, using every method that is legal, to advance the cause of the workers. It is up to us to reverse the trend."

## Notables Address Historic Merger Convention



PRES. EISENHOWER



THURGOOD MARSHALL



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



GOV. AVERELL HARRIMAN



ADLAI STEVENSON

# LABOR NEWS ROUNDUP

## Joins Hate-Labor Chorus

**NEW YORK**—One of the most vitriolic outbursts against organized labor in the current Republican campaign against unions has been issued by a top Eisenhower leader, Frederick C. Crawford, national chairman of the coming "Salute to Eisenhower" dinners.

Crawford, speaking to some 200 political and business leaders here, tied the Nazi party of Germany and free American trade unions into one, neat package.

The following statement on this reference was carried in The New York Times:

"In his address Mr. Crawford stressed the influence of minority movements by citing the Nazi party in pre-war Germany as 'a supreme example of how a few people' could rise to power. He observed that the Nazi rise developed at about the same time that labor was becoming a potent political force in this country."

"Later, however, Mr. Crawford said he had not intended to imply any similarity between Nazism and the labor movement here."

In addition, Crawford, playing on the theme that organized labor has unlimited campaign funds in 1956 to use against Republicans, even suggested that the unions could raise \$17 million by assessing each union member \$1. No mention was made of the fact that such an assessment is a clear violation of Taft-Hartley.

He described labor leaders as a "small, powerful group" bent on moving into American political life.

Crawford is chairman of the board of Thompson Products of Cleveland, a firm which has long been known for its anti-union policies. He is a former president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Crawford has joined Senate minority leader William F. Knowland, Sen. Barry Goldwater (R. Ariz.), Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, and Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R. Nebr.) in the anti-labor chorus.

Republicans lined up on the other side, refuting them, are Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, Gov. Fred Hall of Iowa and President Eisenhower, himself, through his message to the AFL-CIO convention.

## 8% Raise Ends Shoe Strike

**ST. LOUIS**—The biggest strike in the history of the shoe manufacturing industry, with 60 plants shut down, ended last week when representatives of the AFL Boot and Shoe Workers and CIO United Shoe Workers voted to accept a compromise agreement worked out by a 14-man committee and the International and Brown shoe companies.

While some workers showed up for work Friday in Jefferson City, St. Louis and a few other cities, full-scale operations in the shoe industry did not resume until last Monday.

The new agreement calls for a two-year union contract, a union shop, a 5 percent pay raise for the first year, and an additional 3 percent during the second year.

The strike lasted 25 days, involving 26,000 workers.



**YOUNGSTERS ON PICKET LINE:** Teens and pre-teenagers form their own picket line in Springfield, Mass., supporting their parents of the CIO Electrical Workers on strike against Westinghouse.

## Miami Hotel Drive Gaining

**NEW YORK**—President Ed. Miller of the AFL Hotel Workers has challenged the hotels of Miami Beach to permit elections to determine once and for all whether striking Local 255 represents a majority of their regular workers.

"We are ready and eager to hold elections at any time at any hotel," Miller said in an interview at the Hotel Commodore during the meetings of the AFL Executive Committee, which unanimously voted to support the hotel workers to the limit.

Miller is determined to carry the six month old strike to victory and sees signs that the hotel owners' front is beginning to crack. He said that some hotel owners are now talking with the union, something that they have been unwilling to do so far. With two hotels already signed, the Vanderbilt and the Monte Carlo, he predicts that there will be more by December.

"I think that more of them will be willing to talk with us as the season approaches," Miller declared. "December is a crucial month for them. Our strike has hurt them already and they will be hurt a lot more before the season is over. The fact that some of the hotels have been willing to sit down with us is a sign that we have been making progress."

## Pilots Union Faces Ouster

**NEW YORK CITY**—The AFL convention in New York last week voted to revoke the charter of the Airline Pilots on the basis of strikebreaking charges filed by the Flight Engineers.

Revocation becomes effective Dec. 12 unless the two unions by that date work out a settlement of their differences which is acceptable to AFL officers.

## \$1 Pay Ruling Hits Mills

**WASHINGTON**—Scores of thousands of southern cotton textile workers receiving 87 cents an hour were a step closer to a 13-cent hourly raise as the result of an opinion from the United States Appeals Court here. But it is expected their case will have to go to the Supreme Court—which means further delay—before they get their money, plus accumulated back pay.

The latest event in their lengthy attempts to get the raise was a ruling by the Court of Appeals that the federal government does have authority to set minimum wages on a nation-wide basis in industries working on government contracts of \$10,000 or more.

The authority stems from the 1936 Public Contracts (Walsh-Healey) Act, which permits the secretary of labor to set the minimum contract wage.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell boosted the minimum in 1953 from 87 cents to \$1 an hour for cotton textile workers, following hearings initiated by the previous secretary, Maurice Tobin.

Employers immediately took the case to court, where they have managed to stall the ruling. They argued that the act specifies that the minimum wages shall be set on a local basis only.

Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff ruled in District Court in April that the employers were right. The Appeals Court, in a two-to-one decision, overruled Holtzoff's decision.

The majority said that the Secretary of Labor made it clear to them "that in the textile industry, unlike some industries, only an industry-wide minimum will serve this purpose (to stabilize purchasing power), because the competition is industry-wide."

Congress this year passed a law raising the federal minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1, but it does not take effect until next March. It also would apply to textile workers affected by the current court tie-up, and all other workers in interstate commerce industries.

## Detroit Papers on Strike

**DETROIT**—The effective news blackout of Detroit is being broken slightly by half-measures as citizens of the nation's most heavily organized city go without their three major commercial newspapers as a result of a strike.

The Polish Daily News, a foreign language paper unaffected by the walkout of AFL Stereotypers, is printing its front page in English for the first time. Copies of the student daily published at the University of Michigan are being hawked on some street corners.

A new twist was added to the situation as publishers handed "termination notices" to some 2,500 of the city's 4,500 newspaper workers. The companies insist this is not a dismissal, but a layoff, and say they won't fight worker attempts to get unemployment compensation. Unionists term the move a lockout.

Editorial workers belonging to the CIO Newspaper Guild and members of the other printing craft unions are respecting the picket lines. All these other unions are currently in negotiation with the publishers, although their contracts do not all expire at the same time.

## what's new in our industry

The growing demand for frozen and chilled orange juice has created a stepped up production from Florida's orange grove owners. Libby, McNeill & Libby is gearing its concentrating plant in Ocala, Fla. to boost the flow of frozen orange juice 30% to help meet this demand. Golden Gift at Deland, Fla. expects to produce six times as much chilled orange juice this year as it did last. Wholesale food prices have taken a slight dip as measured by the Dun & Bradstreet index. A & P lowered the retail price 4 cents a pound on its 8 o'clock brand of bag-packed coffee. Approximately 8 million pounds of Canadian surplus butter have been sold to a Dutch importer for resale in East Germany. "Do it yourself" boxes of real holly with artificial berries enclosed have been shipped to various parts of the country to compensate for loss of real berries due to November frost in Oregon for Christmas this year. Minute Maid Corp. had net profit of over \$3 million for its fiscal year ended Oct. 31, compared with \$655,000 in the preceding year. Most supermarkets have stopped

pedaling their counters with non-food items because of slow purchases by consumers.

Gimbels New York's basement store launched a foreign bargain bazaar with \$70,000 worth of imported merchandise from 13 countries. W. T. Grant in Cleveland offered an award of a \$20 Gift Certificate to any customer who trains his parakeet to say: "I shop at Grant's". R. H. Macy's 27 units throughout the country expect to do \$390 million business during the year ending Jan. 31, 1956, Pres. Jack I. Straus said. In addition, four more units will be built by Macy's in New Jersey, New York, Kansas and California. Until a control system is devised all Japanese cotton goods exports to the U.S. will be halted as a result of growing protests from American textile industries. Japan's Ministry of Trade and Industry announced... Sons and daughters of American merchants may find themselves working in foreign stores for a year or so while foreigners' children

work here, if plan of National Retail Dry Goods Assn. goes through.

Consumer installment buying in October pushed to another new high but the monthly increase was the smallest since February, the Federal Reserve Board reported. Toy and game production has been stepped up considerably over last year, with merchants anticipating record breaking Christmas sales. The shoe industry produced 49 million pairs in October, an increase of 14.3% over a year earlier, estimated the Taners Council of America.

New York City department stores during November had highest levels of sales in history for that month. This was the seventh consecutive month to exceed comparative 1954 sales. National Shoes sales amounted to \$19,555,135 for the fiscal year ended July 30, an increase of 4% over the previous year. The firm opened its first store in Maryland as part of its expansion program in more of the eastern states. W. T.

Grant will build a \$1 million warehouse on a 13 1/2-acre site at Fort Wayne, Ind., to serve its stores in the mid-western area. Sears, Roebuck is in the midst of a modernization program for its national headquarters which will involve an expenditure of \$5 1/2 million.

November volume at John Wanamaker's Philadelphia store set a new record running 2 to 3 percent ahead of previous high. New York piece goods buyers say that good holiday fabric volume could be better if it were not for a shortage of sales people. Net profit of Lane Bryant in the nine months ended Oct. 31 increased 34.8 percent over the same period a year earlier, while sales were 8.1 percent higher. S.S. Kress estimates a 5 to 10 percent gain from now to the end of the year, said Franklin P. Williams, president. A large scale expansion program involving leading department stores in major cities has been announced by the Barton's Bonbonniere candy chain.

—Compiled by Rosemarie DaSilva



**FAREWELL TO FRIENDS** was said with a smile by CIO Exec. Vice-Pres. John V. Riffe, right, at dinner tendered in his honor by RWDSU. Enjoying his quip are, l. to r., facing camera, RWDSU Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Bail, Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps, Steelworkers Sec.-Treas. I.W. Abel and Pres. Max Greenberg.



**SOUVENIR** of warm fraternal association was wristwatch presented to John Riffe by RWDSU. L. to r., Alex Bail, Al Whitehouse and I.W. Abel of Steelworkers, Pres. Greenberg, Sec.-Treas. Heaps, Riffe, Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, C.H. Gillman of CIO staff, Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman, Vice-Pres. Joseph Binenbaum and CIO Reg.-Dir. Robert Starnes.



**RIFFE DINNER** brought together leaders of RWDSU, regional directors of CIO and Steelworkers Union executive board members. In foreground above are RWDSU Vice-Presidents David Livingston, Phil Hoffstein, Joseph Binenbaum, Julius Sum, Sam Lowenthal, Cleveland Robinson, Bill Michelson, Louis Feldstein and Martin Koppel.

## RWDSU Honors A Friend: John Riffe

A man who played an important role in establishing the new and greater RWDSU that was born in May, 1954, was reminded this month of the esteem and affection in which he is held by RWDSU officers and members.

That man is John V. Riffe, who for more than two and one-half years has held the office of executive vice-president of CIO. With the establishment of the AFL-CIO, John Riffe returns to a post in the leadership of the United Steelworkers of America, the union with which he has been associated during most of the past 20 years.

It was in appreciation of his services as a top officer of CIO and his own qualities as a human being that a dinner was given in honor of John Riffe on Dec. 1 by the RWDSU. Mingle with the officers of RWDSU were Riffe's close friends and associates in the Steelworkers and CIO. They included such leaders as Steelworkers Sec.-Treas. I. W. Abel, CIO Sec.-Treas. James B. Carey, Al Whitehouse, who is slated to be director of the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Dept., and many others. CIO Pres. Walter Reuther and Steelworkers Pres. David J. MacDonald expressed their regrets that a meeting of the AFL-CIO Unity Committee prevented their attendance.

The keynote of the dinner, held at Leone's Restaurant, was sounded by RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg when he said: "We have not had the privilege of knowing and working with John Riffe for very long. But it has been long enough for us to know him as a devoted and loyal friend, a man of ability and integrity, and a dedicated trade unionist. His own union is fortunate in regaining the services of such a leader."

To which Riffe replied, in part: "It has been a gratifying experience to help build an organization like the RWDSU. Wherever I may be assigned by my own union, you can be sure that I will always be ready and willing to lend a helping hand to your union, and to join with you in working for a bigger and better united labor movement."

## New York & Northeast

### Buffalo Local Celebrates 15 Years of Achievement

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Since they were organized back in 1940, the members of Local 1195, who work at the Upson Wallboard Co., have won raises in wages among general helpers from 45 cents an hour to \$1.54, and at the very least doubled the rates of all other categories, with a present top hourly scale of well over \$2 an hour in the plant. These gains, as well as the immeasurable improvements in job security and welfare

#### N.J. CIO Maps Legislative Plans as Convention Opens

NEWARK, N.J.—An overhauling of the state workers' compensation law heads the state legislative program for 1956 recommended by the three top officers of the New Jersey State CIO.

The legislative recommendations were contained in the report of State CIO Pres. Paul Krebs, Sec.-Treas. Victor D. Leonardi and Exec. Vice-Pres. Joel R. Jacobson to the 14th bi-annual convention of the State CIO, which opens at the Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, Dec. 10.

Nearly 1,000 delegates from 400 CIO locals throughout the state are expected to attend the three-day convention and hammer out the State CIO's policies for the next two years.

#### Drug Local 1199 Classes Aid Members on the Job

NEW YORK CITY—Local 1199's "University," a program of classes designed to aid members on the job, will open a new series of courses in January. Total enrollment in past classes has already topped the 500 mark.

Classes are held at the Union's headquarters. Among the subjects to be taught are Cosmetics, Merchandising and Salesmanship, Spanish, and "What's New in Pharmacy."

### Industrial Caterer Signed By New England Jt. Board

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—A first RWDSU contract was concluded last month, at Comet Caterers, an industrial food service firm, culminating an organizing effort led by New England Joint Board Rep. Joseph Casey. The firm is expanding rapidly in this industrial area, Casey said, and will soon employ a substantial work force.

The new contract provides a number of improvements in previous conditions, including commissions of 15% on sales, two-week vacations with pay based on average earnings and 9 paid holidays. Also established in the contract are full seniority rights, the right to bid for open sales routes, a grievance procedure which includes arbitration, and several other provisions for job and union security.

The Comet employees voted unanimously for the terms of their first RWDSU contract, whose negotiation was led by Casey. The company negotiator was treasurer Morton Levine. Joint Board Pres. Joseph Honan re-

ported, meanwhile, that the organizing campaign at Raymond department store in Boston is marking time as a result of the busy Christmas season, which finds the employees working every night of the week. The campaign got under way early in October, when several employees approached the union and asked for aid in organizing the 350-worker store. In the few weeks of the drive a substantial number of employees has signed up, Honan said.

Leading the organizing drive are Joint Board Vice-Pres. Irving Rich and Reps. Katherine Lloyd, Hugh McCaffrey and Curtis Hayford.

### RWDSU Locals Urge Harriman: 'Don't Extradite Willie Reid'

NEW YORK CITY—Several locals of the RWDSU have joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in New York State and the City CIO in a campaign to prevent the forcible return to Florida of Willie Reid, a Negro who was sentenced to 15 years on the Florida chain gang simply for getting into a fight.

The campaign is to urge New York Gov. Harriman to refuse to extradite Reid for prosecution by Florida authorities. One of the RWDSU locals involved in the campaign, Local 1-S of Macy's department store, has pointed out that "extradition would mean certain death for Reid."

'1-S', acting on a report of its anti-discrimination committee, is circulating a petition among the 8,000 local members, addressing to Gov. Harriman an appeal "in the name of justice" to turn down the Florida request for Willie Reid's return. District 65 and Retail Drug Employees Local 1199 have also sent telegrams to the Governor urging him to spare Reid the torture and possible death he would face if he were forced to serve out his 15-year term on the notorious Florida chain gang.

Reid was sentenced in 1950 after being involved in a fight over a gambling game. He was given 15 years although no one was even hurt in the wrangle. He escaped the chain gang early in 1952 and was living in New York until taken into custody this year.

### New York RWDSUers Extend Helping Hand to Strikers



Record photo by Bea Eckstein

**FIGHTING MONEY** from District 65 goes to strikers at Westinghouse Electric Co., who have been walking picketlines since October. Above, '65' Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson, r. hands check for \$1,000 to Paul Jennings, Sec.-Treas. of District 4 of the International Union of Electrical Workers. Ten thousand District 4 members are on strike in metropolitan area, 44,000 throughout the nation. Earlier '65' contributions to Arma and Sperry strikers, also IUE members, amounted to more than \$700.



**FOOD AND CASH** from Local 1-S, the union of Macy department store employees, goes to striking Arma Precision Instrument Co. workers, also members of IUE. Above, a Macy worker makes contribution to the Arma fighting fund. Arma workers, members of Local 460, have been on strike since September, and Macy workers filled many barrels with food as well as raising \$300 in cash. Said Arma workers, "If Macy workers ever have to strike you can be sure of our all-out support!"

## First Contract Won At W. T. Grant In Meadville, Penn.

MEADVILLE, Pa.—Although part of their store was burned down in a recent fire and closed for about a month, the newly organized W. T. Grant employees in this town were determined to nail down their first RWDSU contract and have union conditions to come back to when the store reopened. This was accomplished in an agreement with the company, concluded Nov. 22, Int'l Rep. Ernest Burberg reported.

A little more than a week ago the store reopened, and the 40 employees went back to work. In addition to wage increases ranging from \$1 to \$4 a week won as a result of their organization, the new contract put into writing certain benefits the company had previously granted, such as a health plan, retirement and death benefits, vacations and paid sick leave up to 2 weeks after 5 years service.

A key issue was seniority, which the company at first resisted, saying it wanted sole discretion in hiring and firing and calling back laid off workers. But strict seniority was finally established.

The union negotiating team included the two officers of the new local, Pres. Dorothy Sherry and Treas. Shirley Peterson, with Int'l Rep. Burberg.

The workers voted for RWDSU in an NLRB election last September, after a campaign begun when a group of employees themselves sought out the union.

## 12-17c Raises Won At Rieck Dairies in Pa.

ALTOONA, Pa.—Across-the-board wage boosts of 12 cents an hour and better vacations were the chief gains in a new one-year contract between Local 382 and the Rieck Dairy plants here and in nearby Bedford and Lewistown, Int'l Rep. Ernest Burberg reported.

The contract also included, for the first time, the retail drivers at the Altoona plant, who joined the union last October, making the Rieck shop 100% union. The drivers, who work on straight commissions, won the equivalent of a 12-cent hourly increase in higher commission rates.

In the plant additional adjustments in wages brought some employees total boosts of 17 cents an hour to correct inequities. Pres. Joe Beasy led the talks, with a committee of plant employees and drivers. They were assisted by Burberg.

Rieck is a subsidiary of National Dairies, a nationally known outfit, with whom the RWDSU has contracts in several other cities.

## Marx Toy Workers Set For PAC Activity

GLEN DALE, W. Va.—Once again Local 148 prepared to take a leading role in political activity among unions of the Ohio Valley as it wound up a fund raising campaign which netted more than \$500.

The local, with close to 1,000 members in the huge Louis Marx toy plant here, conducted its campaign over several weeks and climaxed it with a dance at which leading fund raisers were honored and three prize winners took their awards.

PAC and Legislative Committee Chairman Harry Ott singled out Vera Garish and Lena White for a good job of conducting the fund raising in the plant. Pauline Gunte was honored as the leading individual collector.

Prize winners were C. Polen, William Johns and Emma Jean Cave. They each received \$100 awards.

—Reported by F. M. Kaemmerling.

## The Midwest

## 9 to 21c Raises for 3000 at Campbell Soup

CHICAGO, Ill.—An overwhelming majority of the 3,000 employees of Campbell's Soup Co. turned out in a series of membership meetings on Nov. 30 to ratify unanimously the terms of a new two-year contract. The agreement brings wage increases ranging from 9 to 21 cents an hour as well as a host of other contract gains.

Leaders of Local 194, the union of Campbell workers, pointed to the "fine spirit of unity" in the plant as an important factor in the quality of the settlement and the speed with which it was reached.

The workers took several steps to demonstrate their collective strength and support of their contract demands. Most effective among these was their participation in a strike fund, reflected in the wearing of strike fund buttons throughout the plant.

Key terms of the settlement are:

- General increase in all base rates of 6½%. Additional increases of 3 cents an hour in can plant rates, except janitors and elevator operators, and of 5 cents an hour in all maintenance department jobs and most classifications in the power house.

- Company payment of half the cost of hospitalization and surgical insurance for dependents, in addition to the present coverage for employees only.

- Three weeks' vacation with pay after 15 years' service.

A number of other improvements concerned maternity leaves of absence, determination of base pay on new jobs, retaining department seniority and pay for time given to handling grievances. The contract will run for two years, with a wage reopeners during the life of the pact.

The negotiating committee was led by Local 194 Pres. John Gallacher and Regional Dir. Al Evanoff and included Campbell's Division Dir. Henry Gistover, Sec. Josephine Chluppa, '194 Recording Sec. Kenneth Washington, Lenrow Austin and Angelo Lamprinos.

The contract talks began in October, when the union first presented demands to management. Negotiations got down to brass tacks about the middle of last month.

The company made an offer of wage boosts of 4% and some other benefits, which was rejected as inadequate by the negotiating committee. The company then came up with the 6½% offer on wages and improved its stand on several other issues to the satisfaction of the Campbell workers.

## Texas Lady Foils Cops in Strike

MCALENN, Tex.—A woman who speaks no English came to the aid of members of a newly organized local of the AFL Motor Coach Employees. During a strike against the Valley Transit Company, second-shift pickets were waiting across the street from the bus station, which was being picketed by the first shift. They stood in front of the house of the woman, Mrs. Baldorras, and McAllen police tried to break up the little gathering. They asked Mrs. Baldorras whether the men were bothering her, and wouldn't she like them cleared away?

No indeed, said Mrs. Baldorras. They were welcome. Speaking in Spanish, she invited them into her house and put them in her living room facing the bus station. "Use this as your own," she said. She gave the strikers coffee and refused to take any money for her kindness and hospitality. "I'm only doing what everybody else in the Valley ought to be doing," she declared.



First contract gets once-over from newly elected unit officers at Steinmetz Dairy in West Jefferson, O. The shop voted for RWDSU in October. L. to r., Exec. Sec. Ivan Miller, Chairman Charles Hardy, Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles.

## Ohio Local 379 Racks Up Another New Dairy Pact

COLUMBUS, O.—Another first contract marked the continuing progress of Local 379's organizing efforts throughout the State of Ohio. The recently organized Steinmetz Dairy workers in the town of West Jefferson late last month unanimously approved the terms of their first RWDSU pact, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported. These workers voted overwhelmingly for RWDSU last October.

The employees established a set of fine conditions, in line with those in effect at other Local 379 dairies. Among the gains won are the union shop and strong job protection provisions, such as seniority, a thorough grievance procedure and the right to bid for better jobs. Other improvements are a greatly improved vacation plan, a better route cut pay plan, two working days off with pay after 14 days worked, in addition to Sundays off, and a number of other gains.

Elsewhere in the local the City Ice & Fuel Co. employees in Marion, O., renewed their contract for one year with wage boosts of five cents an hour. The union negotiators were Unit Chairman Leo Reed and Exec. Sec. Jim Harris.

In Akron the Greyhound Post House employees, who operate the terminal eatery, completed talks on a contract, extending it for two years. Wage increases of 25 cents a day were won



IT'S A PLEASURE to be in the RWDSU for these Carson Mfg. Co. employees, who beam at the camera as they sit for their first "family portrait" with the RWDSU label. They named the union in an NLRB vote last month after a spirited organizing campaign led by Int'l Rep. Joseph Romer, who's seated in front row, 3rd from left.

## The South

### Mississippi Cotton Oil Shop Votes 21-2 for RWDSU

JACKSON, Miss.—In the face of strong company efforts to keep them out of the union, the workers at the Mississippi Cotton Oil Co. took their longest stride yet toward an RWDSU contract and decent wages and working conditions. On Nov. 30, after months of careful organization, the workers voted 21-2 for Local 180A in a National Labor Relations Board election, Regional Dir. Harry Bush reported.

Bush pointed out that the workers themselves showed an unusual determination and unity as they fought to organize the union in their plant. They held fast despite company attempts to intimidate them in anti-union letters and leaflets sent to their homes, and a management-sponsored dinner on the eve of the election, obviously designed to influence them against voting for the union.

Among the conditions they seek to improve are wages of 75 to 85 cents an hour and 12-hour shifts seven days a week without overtime.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE is what the newly elected officers of Birmingham Bakery Local 441 promise to give in this photo of their installation by Regional Dir. Frank Parker, at left. Local officers are, l. to r., Pres. Bill Bordelon, 1st Vice-Pres. Bob Henderson, 2nd Vice-Pres. Jack Fields.



ALABAMA QUEENS are invested with regal authority at Retail Clerks Local 436 annual holiday party in Birmingham. They are, left, Patricia Carver of H. L. Green store, who is crowned by State CIO Sec.-Treas. Jim Battle, and right, Queen Margaret Turner of W.T. Grant unit gets award from '436' Pres. Vivian Smith. The party was a bang-up event, with 300 attending and plenty of food and fun in playing various games. Other awards were Retail Clerk of the Year to Pres. Vivian Smith, Most Pleasing Personality to Dot Gilbert of H.L. Green, and Wittiest to Irene Clark also of the Green store.

### Ala. RWDSU Locals Sign Up Whouse, Bakery Routemen

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Most of the 25 employees of the Shaw Warehouse Co. have joined Local 261 in a drive led by Int'l Rep. Bill Langston. The workers are scheduled to name their choice of union in an NLRB election December 16.

Regional Dir. Frank Parker said the Shaw employees were contacted by Local 261 members at the Moore-Handley hardware warehouse, and that they have been meeting regularly at the union hall on South 20th St. every Saturday. The company has agreed to a consent election.

In Tuscaloosa, about 50 miles from this city, members of Local 406, led by Pres. Olan Waldrop, have organized the driver-salesmen at their plant, Hardin's Bakery. Almost all of the 23 men have signed up and the labor board has been petitioned for an election to make it official, Parker

said. Management has said it will agree to an election.

In Nashville, Tenn., Parker reported, the 76 employees of Meadowgold Dairy's ice cream plant won a renewed contract with wage increases of 10 cents an hour across the board; strengthened seniority provisions; an additional paid holiday and improved vacations, as well as increased sick leave with pay.

Negotiations were led by James Pate, President of Local 150 in Nashville, who also serves as business agent for the Meadowgold workers, and Local 761A Pres. Jack Herrod. The pact will run for one year and is effective Dec. 1.

## Canada

### Another Silverwood Dairy Signed

TORONTO, Ont.—Another in the chain of Silverwood's Dairies throughout Ontario has been organized and has won its first RWDSU contract, Int'l Rep. George Barlow reported. Employing about 30 workers, the plant in Guelph is the eleventh to join RWDSU and brings the number of Silverwood's employees who are members of the International to about 1,000, Barlow said.

### 100 in 3 Shops Organized in Ont.

TORONTO, Ont.—Close to 100 workers in three shops have been organized in two locals in the province of Ontario in the past month. Two are dairies, Kitchener and Westside Dairies, in the town of Kitchener. The third is a hotel—the Guildwood Inn—in Point Edward.

The Guildwood employees officially became members of Local 448 when they voted last month for RWDSU by 29 to 6. It is expected that contract negotiations

will start soon, with Business Agent Wilf Leeson leading the talks.

A proposed contract has been submitted to management of the Westside Dairy, whose employees recently won certification of Local 440 RWDSU as the union of their choice. More than 30 workers are employed here. At the Kitchener Dairy, where about 20 people are employed, certification has been applied for by Local 440.



CONVENTION PORTRAIT of RWDSU Local 461, Bakery & Confectionery Workers of Toronto shows local leaders in conventional pose. The group met in 5th annual conference in Toronto to act on such pressing local business as strike authorization for the workers of Wonder Bakeries and Mammy's Bread plants throughout Ontario Province. Canadian Dir. Thomas MacLachlan is 2nd from left in 3rd row.

### Urge Quick Unity Of All Labor In Saskatchewan

REGINA, Sask.—CIO affiliates in this province, organized in the Saskatchewan Federation of Labor, called for immediate action to bring about unity between the Federation and its counterpart in the AFL at the AFL's 12th annual convention in North Battleford last month. Among 120 delegates at the three-day meeting were 13 RWDSU members.

Int'l Rep. Walter Smishek reported that the Federation Executive had, just prior to the start of the Convention, named a committee "to negotiate a merger in the shortest space of time." Members of the committee are AFL Pres. L. A. Gardiner, Exec. Sec. W. G. Davies, Regional Dir. W. E. Hale, and Smishek.

The Convention re-elected Pres. Gardiner to the top post. Others elected were Fred McClelland and John Poth, vice-presidents; Dave Young, secretary-treasurer, and Joe Sawchyn, recording secretary.

A number of resolutions was acted on, many of them legislative proposals. Among these were a call on the government to enact a 40-hour, five-day week with no reduction in pay; proposals for alleviating the unemployment situation; unemployment insurance law amendments; minimum wage law; prohibition of injunctions in labor disputes, fair employment practice laws and more.

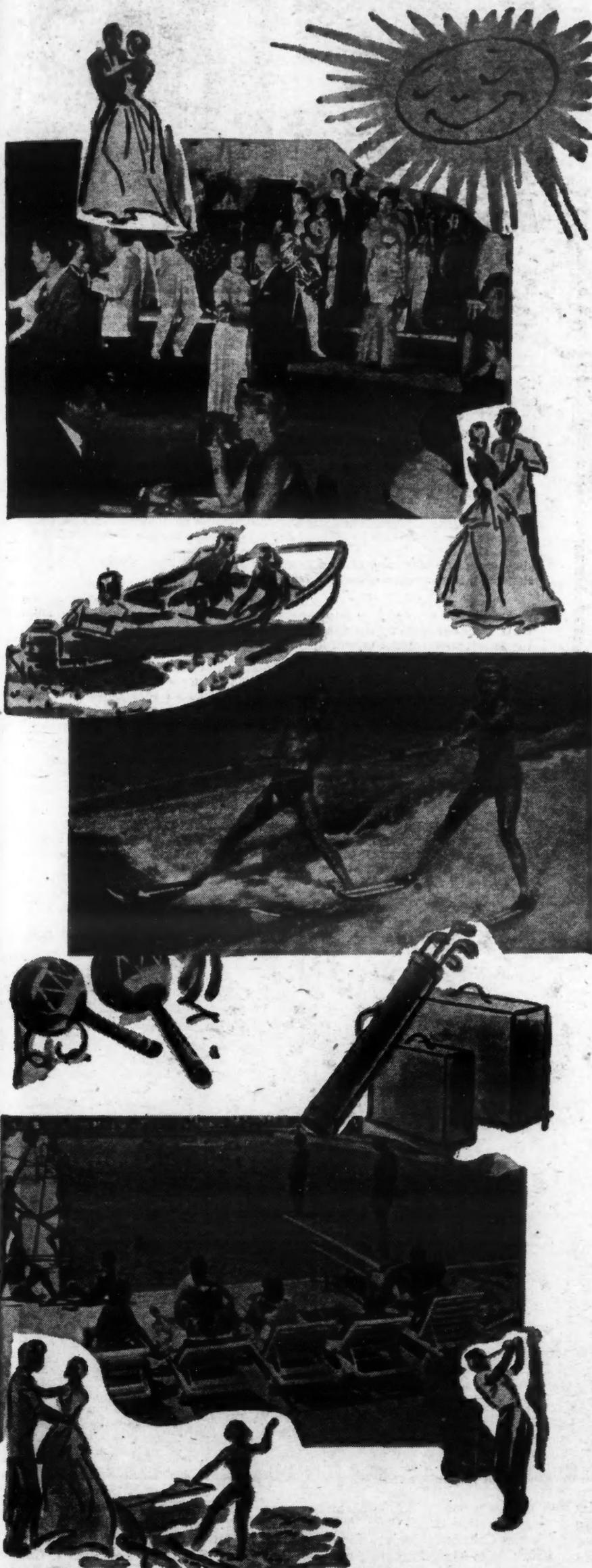
### Windsor Pact Settlements Net Gains

WINDSOR, Ont.—One contract settlement covering the employees of two restaurants was concluded last month, with wage increases ranging up to 20 cents an hour and a number of other gains, Int'l Rep. George Barron reported. The places

are Reaumes' Campus Restaurant and the Hi-Neighbor Restaurant.

Settlement was also reached at the Murphy Tobacco Co. The workers won \$4 weekly wage increases and a reduction in working hours, plus many other gains.

**Life Will Be Beautiful . . .**



**. . . For 65ers at the Laurels**

**DISTRICT 65**

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### **The Prize: Invitation to Convention**

## **Union to Reward 65ers Who Sign New Members**

The 1956 Convention of District 65 promises to be the greatest ever held, as a result of a proposal adopted by the General Council on Dec. 7. For, in addition to the delegates attending the Convention at the Laurels Country Club, there will be many rank and file 65ers invited as guests as a reward for their achievements in the huge organizing campaign now under way.

Organization Director Bill Michelson, in his report to the Council, recommended that invitations to 65ers to be guests of the Convention be extended on the following basis:

- Every rank and file member who succeeds in organizing 20 new members will be invited as a guest.
- Every steward who organizes 20 new members will be entitled to bring along his own guest.
- Every crew that collectively organizes 50 workers will designate a member from its own ranks, in addition to the steward, to be a guest.
- Every organizer or general organizer who leads a drive in a local which organizes 100 new members will also be entitled to bring along a guest.

Michelson proposed—and the Council approved—that all workers organized during the period between Dec. 1, 1955 and May 11, 1956, when the Convention begins, be credited to the 65ers who organize them.

The recommendation that invitations to the 1956 Convention serve as rewards for organizing efforts grew out of the District's hope that this will be, in the words of Pres. David Livingston, "an occasion for celebration, recording the most important organizing victories in the union's history."

Pres. Livingston, at the Council meeting a month ago, had noted that "our conventions provide the only means of material reward that '65' can give active rank and filers, who give their time and energy to build and operate the union." He observed at that time that "this year, we have a special desire to reward our rank and file leaders because of the extra burdens they have assumed with the assignment of our most experienced organizers to the department store organizing drive."

Now, with a new program designed to reward rank and filers who organize unorganized workers, the delegates will be joined by many guests. Fortunately, the Laurels Country Club has enough room to accommodate as many guests as District 65 is likely to invite. And, since each such invitation means at least 20 additional workers organized, the officers of the District would like to be able to fill the Laurels to its utmost capacity.

Let's go, 65ers! See you at the Laurels next May!

# 'It Was a Memorable General Council Meeting'

**Osman Calls  
'65' Example  
To All Labor**



ARTHUR OSMAN

Arthur Osman was in New York last week as a delegate to the merger convention of the AFL-CIO, and since the '65' General Council met last Wednesday night, it was hardly surprising that the featured address was delivered by Osman, founder of the Union and its beloved leader for so many years.

Arthur opened his address by remarking that the newly-merged labor movement could well study District 65 as "the finest example of labor unity in the country."

Wherever he has gone, Arthur observed—and he has visited scores of unions in recent years—he has yet to find one organization "which even remotely compared with District 65." He cited as the keystone of '65' success the fact that "each member does a little bit, and the result is a whole lot, and that's why '65' is strong and great."

For a while the union had been on the defensive, he observed, "and some super-patriots questioned our Americanism and called us vile names. Of course they were lying: there are no finer Americans than 65ers, no groups anywhere which fight for more decent objectives."

He noted that 65ers had never abandoned their principles in order to please the attackers, refusing to crawl before the likes of McCarthy. "We refuted the lies about us, but we never made peace with our enemies by joining them. We were, and remain today, true to our concepts of what is good and decent."

The merger of AFL and CIO, Osman said, offers great opportunities to all of labor, and "makes this a wonderful time for an organizing offensive by District 65." If each of the 30,000 members of '65' would do a little bit towards organizing the unorganized—"if each member organizes but one new member"—the drive will be a great success, he said.

Osman concluded by calling on the members of District 65 to do some bragging about their union, "because you have plenty to brag about. Let's tell the unorganized what we have here in '65', and they'll flock by the thousands to join with us."

**Israeli Urges  
Support for  
Bond Drive**



REUVEN DAFNI

A '65' campaign of great importance is shaping up as members of the union mobilize to assist the State of Israel, whose very existence is once again being threatened by Arab armies which are stronger than ever before. The drive is part of the nationwide "Bonds for Israel" campaign.

Like the war bond drives during World War II, 65ers in this campaign are urging their employers to join them in helping to give the young and courageous Jewish nation the means to defend itself in face of the threatening military build-up of the Arab states.

At the General Council meeting Dec. 7, a number of stewards reported early responses of their crews and some of the employers to an appeal for bond purchases signed by Pres. David Livingston and sent to stewards and employers alike. 65ers who cannot purchase a bond may give to the Jewish labor federation, Histadrut, for the purchase of a mobile hospital unit.

The stewards' reports of sums already raised were a dramatic show of the readiness of 65ers to give to this cause, and had the effect of answering an electrifying appeal made at the Council meeting by a guest speaker, Reuven Dafni, the Israeli government's consul in New York City.

Mr. Dafni's poetic and powerful description of the dangers which have confronted Israel since its birth seven and a half years ago made a deep and lasting impression on the '65' stewards. He emphasized that Israel's enemies are not the Arab people, but only the "corrupt Arab leaders—the feudal lords who keep their people in the most abject medieval slavery."

He added that, "although there are black clouds on the horizon, we in Israel are deeply convinced that with the help you can provide, and the help of the democratic peoples of the rest of the world, we will make those clouds yield a wholesome and beneficial rain which will nourish the growth of our democratic Jewish state."

After Mr. Dafni spoke, Pres. Livingston announced that the target date for completion of the bond drive is Dec. 19. The date coincides with the second performance of the annual Chanukah Festival held in Madison Square Garden. Bonds may be purchased at the union, Livingston said.

## '65' Community Fund Drive's \$18,000 Is Turned Over



**REPRESENTATIVES OF 10 ORGANIZATIONS** among those earmarked by 65ers as recipients of funds raised during '65' Community Fund drive were on hand for presentation of checks at Dec. 7 General Council meeting. Here Pres. David Livingston turns over \$2,000 to Rev. James P. McKeown for Greater New York Fund. Others in photo and amounts their organizations received include, l. to r., Miss Ruth Wasserberger, United Jewish Appeal, \$1,615; Jacques Coe, Nat'l Cancer Foundation, \$1,225; Dr. Frank Milam,

N.Y. Heart Ass'n., \$800; Madison Jones, NAACP, \$554 in addition to previous donation of \$1,000; William Bliss, N.Y. Cancer Committee, \$1,000; Manuel Cabranes, Society for Prevention of TB in Children of Puerto Rico, \$500; Miss Mary Purcell, American Red Cross, \$325; Lt.-Col. Paul J. Carlson, Salvation Army, \$260; and Hank Raullerson, United Negro College Fund, \$200. More than \$18,000 raised in fund drive is being distributed to over 200 designated organizations, Livingston said.

# 350 More Join '65' in Organizing Drive

Dramatic evidence of the effectiveness of District 65's campaign to organize "in and around" New York's department stores was cited by Organization Dir. Bill Michelson at the General meeting Dec. 7. "Our efforts in the past month alone," he declared, "have resulted in 350 application cards and 175 membership books from newly organized workers in department stores, direct mail, the Garment market and processing sections of our union."

As a result of these developments, Michelson said, additional organizers are being brought on the staff in order to make the most of the opportunities now presented. Several experienced rank and files from the Garment locals will be added, and their assignments will be to concentrate on department stores located on 5th Avenue between 33rd and 42nd Streets, the boundaries which roughly define the Garment area, and at the same time to work among the many unorganized Garment shops in this area.

Some additions to the department store organizing staff have already been made. These include Contracts Division Dir. Phil Manheim and Gimbel-Saks Local 2 Chairman Ricardo Carbonell. They are assigned to the 5th Avenue stores above 42nd Street, and are to concentrate especially on the non-selling employees in these stores.

## More Organizers Needed

It is expected, too, that additional organizers will be needed to follow up on the surveying work of General Org. Milton Reverby, who has had encouraging responses from the employees of several unorganized stores.

Michelson's report called for an intensified effort by each steward to get larger turnouts for the picket lines at A & S in Hempstead, and at the three Bloomingdale branches. He noted that the lines are hurting business, and do so even more if they are strengthened for the remaining Saturdays before Christmas.

In the past month's organizing, the largest single group of new application cards has come from a large direct mail shop, which has been under organization by Organizer Bill O'Connor for a number of weeks.

In the Processing locals one new shop of 42 workers has been brought under contract and two other shops, employing



—Record photo by Roland Willoughby  
NEWLY-ORGANIZED WORKERS of Lankenau Textile shop meet with Org. Al Dicker, left. Their first contract brought 11 employees wage boosts of \$10, 37½-hour week, 10½ holidays, 10 days sick leave, other gains.

about 80 people, have been organized and are expected soon to complete agreements.

The Garment locals are continuing the progress begun last summer, when a drive was launched to bring into the union un-

organized competitors of '65' shops. Most recent victories have been in two large Textile Local shops, Forge Mills and Lankenau Textile, a 17-worker quilting shop and six button shops organized in the past few weeks.

## Great Neck Non-Selling Group Organized

# Ask NLRB Vote at Stern's Branch

An important milestone in District 65's department store organizing campaign was reached this month at Stern's Great Neck, L. I. branch store, where a majority of the non-selling employees have been organized, it was reported by Sol Molofsky, who is in charge of the drive at this store. A union request by Pres. David Livingston

A meeting of Stern employees in Great Neck last week voted unanimously to petition the National Labor Relations Board for a representation election among the non-selling group alone, while continuing efforts to build a strong majority throughout the store. Mark Seaman was elected steward by the non-selling group, and a list of grievances was drawn up for presentation to the store manager.

## More Join at A & S Warehouse

Meanwhile, District 65 continued to enroll employees of Abraham & Straus in increasing numbers. General Organizers Nick Carnes and Frank Brown, in charge of the A & S campaign, reported that '65' was close to a majority of the workers in the firm's two warehouses at John and Jay Streets in Brooklyn.

An indication of the quickened tempo of the department store drive was noted by Organization Dir. Bill Michelson when he reported to the Dec. 7 General Council meeting that sizeable delegations of employees from Bloomingdale's New Rochelle and Stamford stores, from A & S in Hempstead and Stern's Great Neck, have been coming down to District 65 Center during the past month to participate in meetings of the department store locals.

Michelson added that contacts with workers in other unorganized stores in Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island and Westchester are being developed.



—Record photo by Clarence Bowman  
NEWLY-ELECTED STEWARD Mark Seaman of Stern's Great Neck branch store, at mike, tells Sterns-42 St. 65ers at Nov. 22 Local 5 membership meeting of efforts being made to organize his store.

## AFL-CIO Delegates Visit '65' Center, Like What They See

More than 100 delegates to the historic merger Convention of the AFL-CIO visited the '65' Center on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and virtually all expressed amazement, describing the building as the finest trade union headquarters any of them had seen.

The bulk of the visitors were regional directors of the former CIO and Executive Board members of the RWDSU. Max Greenberg, RWDSU president, had invited the delegates to join him for dinner at the '65' Center, which he described as "the showplace of labor in this country".

Following the dinner, several officers of '65' toured the 11-story building with the visitors, explaining the various services and departments. There were stops at Club 65, the Credit Union, Pharmacy, Optical Dept., Consumer Service, Security Plan, Hiring Hall, the various ballrooms, and the organizational department.

## Consumer Service Focal Point

With their eyes on Christmas gifts for the family, the delegates spent most time at Consumer Service, and in deference to the visitors the store was kept open to 11 p.m. Throughout the evening they remarked at the large numbers of members using the building for meetings as well as for the many services.

One Midwestern regional director said that he had heard much about the wonders of the '65' Center, "but whatever I heard fell short of what I see here tonight. This building is simply amazing; there's nothing like it anywhere in the labor movement."

## \$4-\$5 Wage Package Won At Klaber Apparel Shop

APPAREL LOCAL—Three months before the contract was scheduled to expire, a new two-year agreement was reached with Klaber Bros. apparel distributors, providing wage boosts of \$2 to those earning over \$65 and \$3 to employees making under \$65, an additional automatic \$2 hike in February, 1957, plus other improvements in the contract. Organizer Milton Reverby, Steward Jack Foster and a committee of four other Klaber workers negotiated the pact.

## This Item For Kids Only

This item is for the children of '65' members only:

Hey kids! Make sure your pop or mom takes you to the annual Christmas-Chanukah party sponsored by the union on Sunday, Dec. 18. There will be two terrific shows, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and you can take in either one.

Here's what you'll see: Rollan Rochelle, the master magician who will baffle all who watch him. Mr. Rochelle will require assistants from among the audience, and you may be among the lucky ones.

Then there will be the Skating Regals, last seen on a famous TV circus show. The Regals will take some kids in the audience for a death-defying ride on wheels. That sure will be fun.

Also, there will be Sammy the Clown, making everybody sing and laugh, and finally, Santa Claus will make a personal appearance with a gift for each child.

The price of admission is only 65 cents. A new seating arrangement in the Penthouse will guarantee that everyone will see the whole show from a comfortable seat. Tickets are now on sale at Consumer Service and through organizers.



Record photo by Dudley Foster

'SANTA BABY' in this case is Sol Golubchick of Millinery Local, in his annual role of St. Nick at '65' Consumer Service, where he hands out gifts to kiddies every Saturday. Children in photo are, left, Salvatore, Angela and Vitina Ianuzzo, and at right, Santa's big helper, Leonard Golubchick.

## Breakstone Dairy Contract Nets \$7.50 Package Over Two Years

**FOOD LOCAL**—Agreement was reached between District 65 and Breakstone Bros., dairy products firm, on a contract covering the 32 members employed in the Bronx plant. The new pact provides for a package of \$7.50 spread over a period of two years, Al Bernknopf, assistant to Pres. Dave Livingston, reported.

The settlement specifically provides wage boosts of \$2 as of Dec. 5 of this year, \$3.50 effective April 1, 1956 and an additional increase of \$2 in February, 1957.

As part of the settlement, the company

agreed to waive the provisions of the recent arbitration award which allowed Breakstone to lay off eight workers, thereby reducing the basic crew, without severance pay. Instead, the company agreed to limit the reduction to four, and to include severance pay.

The shop also won an improvement in the vacation plan, providing a third week vacation after 12 years instead of 15 as was the custom, an improved sick leave clause for seniority workers, and a five cents an hour boost in minimums in the second year of the life of the contract. The contract, which was due to expire in February, was extended to 1958.

A meeting of the Breakstone workers held Dec. 5 at the '65' Center unanimously ratified the new agreement. Negotiations were led by Bernknopf, General Organizer Andy Bellemare and Steward Harry Brown.

## Last Call for Toys

A last call to 65ers to bring new or used toys to the Retired Members Toy Project was sounded by Jack Ossofsky, Retirement Director. The toys will be repaired and gift-wrapped and distributed to needy children for the holiday season. Bring toys to Toy Depot, located on 6th floor of '65' Center.

# 13 ASTOR PLACE

By BERNARD STEPHENS

When Dave Livingston was invited to address the New York County Medical Society—the first trade union leader to do so in 150 years of the Society's existence—he and two other '65' leaders, Bill Michelson and Irv Baldinger, were also asked to join the Society's leaders at dinner before the meeting. The invitation noted that the practice is for the Society's officers and their guests to wear dinner jackets and black ties. This perplexed the three 65ers, since they do not own tuxedoes, and felt they might be uncomfortable in rented suits. Between the two parties there followed some informal discussion on the matter of formal wear, but without a definite conclusion. Dave, Bill and Irv decided to compromise by wearing dark suits and black tie. There was an embarrassed moment all around when they arrived for dinner. The Medical Society officers, each a distinguished physician, in deference to their guests' wishes all wore business suits.

Couple of issues ago, The Record featured an article on "The \$64,000 Question", noting that the program's huge success was bringing hundreds more members into District 65 via Revlon's expansion program to meet booming sales. The article was headlined, "Top TV Show Helps the Union Grow". From I.G. Juliber, Revlon vice-president, came a letter to The Record which reads: "As you probably know, much has been written about this program, and from every angle. So I thought, that is, until I read your article and the latest angle, the show as a union organizer. I enjoyed reading it."

Which reminds us of the fellow who came home proud and excited one day and asked his wife to look out the window. There was a shiny new Cadillac, his very own. "Alright, stupid," said the wife, "what question did you miss?"

Just to show you how carefully District 65 plans its organizing campaigns, the union headquarters in Brooklyn for organizing the A & S store is on Livingston Street. And the phone number of the union headquarters for the Bloomingdale's Fresh Meadows store is FLushing 8-6500.

Two players in the '65' Bowling League, Bob Fuchs and Andy Candres, put out a little bulletin called "District 65 Bowling Briefs", with facts on the league, cute little gags and personal items on the players. A recent edition carried this item:

"What do you fellows think about putting in a quarter apiece and buying a bottle of whiskey and giving it to the one who rolls high game Christmas week? The handicap will be added in to give everyone a good chance at it. Let's hear from the captains."

If I was a captain, I'd ask if that handicap stuff being added is 90 proof, or are they cutting good whiskey?

Stuck for a last-minute gift idea? Tiffany's, the Fifth Ave. jeweler, has a bargain sale: a \$36,300 emerald and diamond brooch has been marked down to \$29,700; and a gold, sapphire and diamond cigarette case is down from \$1,400 to \$800. If its the cigarette case you like, you can save additionally by buying cigarettes at Consumer Service, where a carton costs only \$2.02.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY: The Record gets an assist in bringing together Sid Farber, Toy & Gift Local chairman, and an Army buddy who went thru Battle of Ruhr with Sid. Seems the friend has a sister-in-law who works at Bloomingdale, saw Sid's picture in her issue of Record, got in touch . . . Remember the '65 Varsity basketball team playing an Army team in the Garden two years ago, and the terrific performance by Les Yellin of '65? Les is now the soph star of St. Francis quintet . . . John Buckenberger, organizer assigned to B'dale's Stamford, was seriously injured in an auto accident Dec. 3. He's at Jersey City Medical Center . . . Marty Ring and wife Barbara welcomed newcomer David, 7 lbs, 10 oz., on Nov. 17 . . . Proud indeed is Lillian Blumstein of Mailings Inc., whose son Philip and partner Vivian Best entered semi-finals of TV Channel 7's dance contest, "Step This Way." Both are CCNY students, could win grand prize of trip to Europe.

## DISTRICT 65 MEETING NOTICE

### DECEMBER

DATE		LOCAL	TIME	PLACE
Monday	Dec. 13	Direct Mail I	6:30 P.M.	Green Room
"	"	Needle	6:30 P.M.	Panel Room
Tuesday	Dec. 13	Textile	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
"	"	Retail Jam. & Quens	7:00 P.M.	Whitman Hotel
Wednesday	Dec. 14	Apparel	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
"	"	Button	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
"	"	Display Dept. Store	7:00 P.M.	Room 508
Thursday	Dec. 15	Metal (English)	6:30 P.M.	Clover Room
"	"	Toy & Gift	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
Saturday	Dec. 17	Display Shoe	10:00 A.M.	Room 508
Sunday	Dec. 18	Union News	1:00 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
Monday	Dec. 19	Direct Mail II	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
"	"	Millinery	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room
"	"	Corr. Nite	11:00 A.M.	5th Floor Lounge
"	"	Insurance	3:00 P.M.	Room 508
Tuesday	Dec. 20	Cos. & Drug	6:30 P.M.	Green Room
"	"	New Jersey	5:30 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
"	"	General Office	7:00 P.M.	Panel Room
Wednesday	Dec. 21	Corrugated	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
"	"	Ret. Gen.	Meeting Cancelled	Room 508
"	"	Display Service	7:00 P.M.	Cont. Ball
Thursday	Dec. 22	Ret. TV Jersey	9:30 P.M.	Oval Room
"	"	Sample Card	6:45 P.M.	Garment
"	"	Garment	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
Monday	Dec. 26	Holiday		
Tuesday	Dec. 27	Dental	7:00 P.M.	Room 508
"	"	Screen	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room
"	"	Hardware	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
Wednesday	Dec. 28	Retail TV	7:30 & 10:45 P.M.	Clover Room
"	"	Cigar	7:30 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
Thursday	Dec. 29	Dry Goods	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1956 — EXECUTIVE COUNCIL — 7:00 P.M. — CLOVER ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1956 — GENERAL COUNCIL — 7:00 P.M. — PENTHOUSE



Record photo by Roland Willoughby  
GOOD LUCK, GOOD HEALTH are wished Estelle Peysen at send-off shop party Nov. 25 by workers of Standard Sample Card. She's retired under '65' Plan after 52 years of work, five in this shop. Estelle, center, is shown being presented gold ornament by Eva Schachner as co-workers joined to make farewell memorable one.

# Doctors Acclaim Livingston Talk

By ROBERT DOBBS

"Labor and medicine are natural allies, and working together, they can lead the way in providing all Americans with the medical care they need, pay the doctors fairly, and do it in a way which will be acceptable to doctor and patient alike." With these words, District 65 Pres. David Livingston, the first labor leader ever to address the New York County Medical Society in its 150 years of existence, began a speech hailed by the Society's physician-members as a contribution to their understanding of labor's role in the field of health care.

The doctors' reaction to Pres. Livingston's talk was summed up by the Society's former president, Dr. Peter Murray, who said it was "a delightful and intelligent presentation. It has thrown new light on the question of delivering medical care to the public through free choice, which we believe to be the American way."

Dr. Murray expressed the significance of a union leader's appearance at the Society meeting by saying "We are beginning to sit across the table with labor to talk over some mutual problems, and as we do this the misunderstandings between us will fade."

## '65' Proposal Accepted in Principle

Following Pres. Livingston's address on Nov. 28 a letter from the New York County Medical Society to the union announces the Society's acceptance in-principle of a recommendation that doctors serving members of District 65 charge fees which are within the union's schedule of allowances for fee-for-service care.

The recommendation had been under consideration by the Society since last September, when the union launched the fee-for-service medical care program as a companion to the existing pre-paid care through the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (HIP). The union had approached the medical societies of all five boroughs of the city and urged them to recommend that their member-doctors ac-



Dr. Samuel Z. Freedman, president-elect of N.Y. County Medical Society, l., and Dr. Philip D. Allen, r., were hosts to '65' Pres. David Livingston at dinner before meeting at which he spoke.

cept as fees for their services the amounts provided in the union's fee schedule.

Pres. Livingston spoke to the doctors at the regular New York County Medical Society membership meeting Nov. 28, at the Society's headquarters at 2 West 103 St. The talk and question period which followed took up the entire "scientific session" of the meeting, during which the doctors usually take up various technical aspects of their profession. The meeting followed a dinner given by the Society's officers, President-elect Dr. Samuel Z. Freedman and Vice-Pres. Dr. Philip D. Allen, with Livingston, Organization Dir. Bill Michelson and Security Plan Dir. Irving Baldinger as guests.

One of the main reasons for asking the cooperation of the medical profession, Livingston said, is the union's aim to provide equally comprehensive care to all members, whether they have chosen HIP or the fee-for-service program. "If the doctors accept

our allowances as the complete charge for medical service, our members will have a choice of comprehensive medical care at no cost, either through a closed panel group like HIP or through the use of doctors of their completely free choice."

Such a plan, he emphasized, far from undermining existing health plans, would stimulate the development of comprehensive medical insurance and lead to its expansion through existing plans throughout the nation.

Describing the '65' Security Plan to the doctors, Pres. Livingston pointed out that the Plan has no high paid executives and staff to drain off large amounts of the Plan's income in administrative costs. This fact permits using the maximum amount of income for actual benefits to the members. And it is this fact, too, which results in the Security Plan's ability to meet "the necessarily high costs of medical care," he declared.

## 'Some Enchanted Evening' for 1100 At '65' Negro Affairs Dance

The evening was cool, and so was the music. There were few, if any, wallflowers among the 1,100 members and guests who jammed the Penthouse Ballroom at District 65 Center on Dec. 3 at the annual dance of '65's Negro Affairs Committee. This was due to the danceable music of an all-star aggregation led by Tyree Glenn, the mambo-Calypso music of Benito Garcia and his band, and the Snub Moseley Trio who performed on the 10th floor.

The dance, held the Saturday evening before the opening of the AFL-CIO merger convention, attracted a number of delegates from the RWDSU and other unions. Among these were RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg and Arthur Osman, founder of '65' and now executive vice-president of the International, as well as officers of the District: Pres. David Livingston, Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson and Organization Dir. Bill Michelson.

With this successful affair under its belt, and over 500 memberships secured for the NAACP, the Negro Affairs Committee announced a meeting for Dec. 14, at which plans for the Committee's spring campaign would be mapped.



Record photo by Bea Eckstein  
Dance floor was jammed for every number at Negro Affairs Committee dance Dec. 3, with hundreds of couples tripping the light fantastic to the music of top instrumentalists and vocalists.



Union officers, committee members and guests shown above at Negro Affairs Committee dance included, l. to r., Aberdeen David, Valarie Robinson, David Livingston, Sue Robinson, Leroy Johnson, Arthur Osman, Ralph Wilson, Sylvia Osman, Lillian Stephens and Cleveland Robinson.



All-star combo provided music at Negro Affairs Committee dance. L. to r., Pope Foster on bass, Ann Lewis at the mike, and Tyree Glenn on the slide horn. Other musicians who performed were Toby Brown, Johnny Windhurst, Dick Carey, the Snub Moseley Trio and Benito Garcia's band.

# LA VOZ HISPANA

## Nuevo Espíritu en Campaña De Tiendas por Departamentos

Por BILL MICHELSON

En estos días pasados han sucedido algunas cosas en las tiendas por departamentos bajo la campaña de organización que indican el progreso que se va obteniendo, producto directo del trabajo de varios organizadores en conjunto con algunos miembros de fila. Es de muchísima importancia, el saber que los trabajadores desorganizados en las tiendas están respondiendo en grandes números a la campaña de organización.

Hasta ahora estos trabajadores estuvieron apáticos a la organización; pues tenían la duda de si el Distrito 65 había comenzado esta campaña para retirarse pronto si no daba resultados por los obstáculos que pudieran presentarse.

Ahora pueden numerarse las victorias, particularmente en A & S y en la tienda de Sterns en Great Neck, donde todos los obreros del almacén han firmado con el "65". Los trabajadores de Bloomingdale's en New Rochelle y los de A & S en Hempstead, están atendiendo a los mitines y han expresado sorpresa, entusiasmados de lo que han visto y han oido.

El cambio en la actitud de estos obreros en las tiendas desorganizadas es porque han llegado a la conclusión de que nuestros miembros están determinados a toda costa a organizar estas tiendas y traerlos bajo contrato con el "65". Este dos ha producido un cambio también entre nuestros miembros y líderes.

Lo mejor de nuestro personal de organización, incluyendo virtualmente a los organizadores generales, están ahora trabajando todo el tiempo en la campaña para organizar las tiendas. Están determinados a triunfar en esta campaña en esta sección decisiva de nuestra jurisdicción—las tiendas por departamento.

Y entre nuestros miembros hay un en-

### Necesita Un Doctor?

Si Ud. tiene algún problema acerca de cual es su Grupo Médico o si aun no es inscrito en uno de los grupos de HIP o si tiene algún problema relacionada con cuidado médico llame a la oficina de la Unión OR 3-5120.

tendimiento del punto expresado por el Presidente Dave Livingston, de que en las tiendas por departamentos, donde hay grandes ganancias anualmente, buenos aumentos de salarios pueden obtenerse y que estos pueden servir de ejemplo a las demás secciones del Distrito. Este entendimiento se ha desarrollado en todas partes en nuestra Unión, particularmente en las tiendas por departamentos, donde a pesar de los triunfos obtenidos y de las ganancias hechas, aún los salarios están muy bajos. Nuestros miembros le dicen esto a los obreros desorganizados, añadiendo además, que todos juntos podemos mejorar esta situación.

En este cambio en nuestra actitud hacia la campaña de organización lo que ha traído a cientos de nuestros miembros semanalmente a visitar a los compañeros desorganizados en sus propios hogares y en las tiendas, y a hablarles de la Unión y lo que puede hacerse para cambiar el cuadro de salarios en la industria.

Aun tenemos que recorrer un largo trecho antes de llegar a nuestros objetivos. Y en el camino encontraremos obstáculos de parte de los patronos, los que saben al igual que nosotros los triunfos y ganancias que pueden obtenerse. No hay duda que resistirán.

Pero ahora que la Unión ha entrado en esta campaña podemos ver las grandes fuerzas que tenemos y lo mucho que puede alcanzarse con el conocimiento, energía y determinación de nuestros miembros, dirigidas hacia la emancipación de muchos miles de obreros en las tiendas por departamento.

## DEPT. DE JUSTICIA NO TOMA ACCION

Una carta del Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos ha sido recibida por el Distrito 65, rehusando tomar la responsabilidad en el caso de secuestro y asesinato en la persona de Emmett Louis Till, en el estado de Mississippi. Esta vino en contestación a un telegrama enviado por el gran mitin llevado a cabo en el Garment Center, auspiciado por el Distrito 65, el NAACP y el Jewish Labor Committee en el pasado mes de octubre, el cual condenó la Justicia de Mississippi por dejar libres a los asesinos.

La carta del Departamento de Justicia decía:

"La información obtenida indica que debido a que Mr. Till no fué transportado a través de la frontera del Estado, este lamentable secuestro y asesinato envuelven violaciones a las leyes de Mississippi solamente y no a ningún estatuto federal. Este departamento no tiene autoridad para tomar acción en el mencionado caso."

El Secretario-Tesorero, Cleveland Robinson, describió la posición del Departamento de Justicia — "Una desgraciada evasión de responsabilidad en un caso que urge acción federal."

Otra vez llamó al Fiscal General de los Estados Unidos para que interviera en el caso, haciendo notar que ya que el Gran Jurado del condado de Le Flore había rehusado hacer la acusación por secuestro, el Departamento de Justicia estaba en la obligación de conducir sus propias investigaciones y acusaciones en el secuestro y que no podía escondérse tras una mera "indicación" que Emmett Till no había sido transportado a través de la frontera del Estado.

## Comité de Asuntos Hispanos Se Reune diciembre 16

Invitamos a todos los miembros hispanos del Distrito 65 para que asistan a la reunión del Comité de Asuntos Hispanos que ha de celebrarse el viernes, día 16 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el Oval Room del Centro del Distrito, situado en el 13 de Astor Place.

Esta reunión cierra el número de las mismas por el año 1955. Pero debido a que también han terminado las actividades del año en esta noche, trataremos de trazar y adoptar un programa de actos cívicos y culturales el próximo año.

Todos los hispanos tienen deber y derecho de asistir a esta reunión y traer y expresar ideas sobre que actividades resultarian más provechosas para nuestro conglomerado y la Unión en general.

Hoy más que nunca, necesitamos la unificación de todos los miembros hispanos y su integración dentro del Distrito 65 para tener mejoras en nuestras condiciones económicas y sociales.

No falten a esta reunión y demostremos nuestro interés para el mejoramiento y desarrollo de nuestra comunidad. No falte.

Por el Comité:  
ABELARDO BAEZ, Chairman  
ANTOLIN FLORES, Secretario  
MARIO ABREU, Organizador

## Se Gana Convenio En las Tiendas Vim

mayo 1ro del 1958.

Por las últimas semanas los obreros de Vim habían estado preparándose para ir a una huelga, habiendo reunido un fondo de huelga que alcanzó la suma de \$15,000 y la autorización del Concilio General. La Unión estaba alerta para participar en la huelga que había de comenzar en noviembre 12.

El comité negociador estaba dirigido por Al Bernkopf, asistente al Presidente David Livingston. Al declaró que la Unión ofreció arbitrar todos los puntos en disputa para evadir la huelga. La compañía acordó finalmente arreglar el contrato en noviembre 11. El punto más importante era el aumento para los vendedores.



PRESENTACION DE UN RELOJ DE ORO es hecha al steward José Hernandez, miembro del "65" en Brugueras Cigar Co., por la organizadora Valarie Robinson durante el mitin general de la Local de Cigarrillos el dia 28 de noviembre en el Centro del "65", mientras el Chairman de la Local Abelardo Baez observa. La presentación fue hecha a Hernandez por su asistencia a 12 mitines consecutivos del Concilio General y el Cuerpo Ejecutivo y por cumplimiento de su labor como steward.

# There's Still Time To Do Your Last-Minute Shopping for Christmas Gifts



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## Talks Open for 1700 In Direct Mail Shops

**DIRECT MAIL LOCAL**—Negotiations on the 1956 reopening of the contract with the Direct Mail Master Contract Assn. got under way Dec. 1 at the Shelburne Hotel with District 65 presenting a list of 17 demands,

evil of homework among direct mail workers.

Another meeting of the parties is scheduled for Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Lexington Hotel. Ward said the committee is hopeful that the issues can be resolved around the bargaining table, without resorting to arbitration.

### \$4-\$15 Boosts Won At New L.I.C. Shop

**CHEMICAL & PAINT LOCAL**—A one-year contract was signed by the employer of the newly organized Atlas Coatings Corp., providing for wage boosts of \$4 to \$15 plus coverage under the '65' Security Plan, Organizer Morris Doswell reported. The new agreement covers 8 workers.

In addition, three days sick leave was won for the first time. Minimums range from a starting wage of \$52.50 to \$60 after 10 months. The workers already receive paid vacations.

The Atlas workers were contacted by Al Friedheim, 65er at Monroe Sanders, whose shop is located near the Atlas plant in Long Island City. With the organization completed, the workers went on to win an NLRB election, installing District 65 as their union by an 8-0 vote.

### Protest Ends One-Day Layoffs After Holiday at Cosmetic Shop

**COSMETIC & DRUG LOCAL**—An important grievance affecting all 75 employees was settled at the Helen Neushaefer Cosmetic Co. prior to Thanksgiving. For years, prior to organization of the plant into District 65, the company laid-off the workers for one day during a holiday week, Organizer Dean Zavattaro said. The day before Thanksgiving, the company posted a notice informing the shop that they were laid-off on Friday of that week.

The Neushaefer workers reacted immediately. Their stewards, Millie Berndt, Pearl Moorehead and Agnes Darrell, called a meeting of the workers to protest the lay-off as a violation of the contract, which states that workers must be laid-off in seniority.

With the Neushaefer workers solid on this question, Organizer Zavattaro at a conference with the company was able to settle the grievance.

It was the company's contention at first that more than 50% of the shop had requested the closing to insure a long

weekend holiday. The stewards reported, after canvassing the entire shop, that not one had requested such a closing. The company then said it preferred to have the shop work that Friday.

Zavattaro paid tribute to the Neushaefer workers, who after two years of bitter struggle to win a District 65 contract succeeded in gaining a two-year package settlement providing for over \$9 in gains. The Neushaefer workers months ago, after joining '65', were forced out on the picket lines for 10 months. The NLRB's Washington office later ordered the workers reinstated, awarded them back pay and ordered an election which '65' won.

The recent grievance was the first substantial one dealt with since the signing of their '65' contract in September.

### New Trainee Organizers on '65' Staff



CARLOS ORTIZ



JOE FIORE



RICARDO CARBONELL

Three additional trainee organizers have joined the District 65 staff for 3-month periods. Out on leave from their shops, each has been assigned to the organizing drive. Ortiz, from Robin Skall Co., is working under Gen. Org. Andy Bellemere in Metal Processing. Fiore, a Garment Supply member, and Carbonell, from Gimbel's, are at work organizing in department stores.

# RECREATION news

## Revlon Wins Third Straight, Takes Hoop Lead

By John O'Neill

The \$64,000 Question team from Revlon took some quick strides on the road to the District 65 Basketball championship when they racked up the Doubleday Book squad to the tune of 72-60, for their third straight win. This gives Revlon sole possession of the top rung in the team standings, but the defending champs of Retail Drug Local 1199 and the Brooklyn Area are also undefeated.

### New Dance Class Series To Open for 65ers

Winter sessions of the Ballroom Dance Class for 65ers are scheduled to start on Friday, Jan. 20. The class will run for eight Friday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. The steps of the Mambo, Cha-Cha-Cha, Meringue and other pop steps of the day will be taught by Armando and Rosetta of the Pedro and Olga Studios.

Registration for the classes will begin immediately. You may register any evening on the 7th floor of the District 65 Center. The full fee for this eight week course will be \$4.

A class party will be held on Friday, Dec. 16 for participants in the current series of classes. 65ers interested in seeing how the class works are invited to come down on the 16th.

Registration for the Ballroom Dance Class will be accepted by mail if the full \$4 fee is enclosed.

This was the first big test for the Cosmetic crew. Doubleday has always fielded a fast club, but the drive and terrific shooting of Ralph Graves and Mike Seguto of Revlon proved too much for the Doubleday squad.

#### 22-Point Lead

Revlon cracked the game wide open in the second quarter with a 14 point tear to make a 22 point lead. While Doubleday currently is resting in last place, it must be noted that they have taken on the best three teams in the tournament in their opening games.

Local 1199, still the odds-on favorite to repeat, is just one game behind the leaders. '1199' will have to wait until after the holidays for a crack at Revlon. When this one is played it should be quite a game.

If The Record News Hawks don't win another game all year, their freshman season will be a success. A 50-49 overtime victory over Lerners has given the News Hawks a 1-1 record in the standings.

#### '65' Basketball League Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Revlon	3	0
Local 1199	2	0
Brooklyn Area	1	0
Garment Area	1	1
Record News Hawks	1	1
Zurich Insurance	1	1
Doubleday Book	0	3
Lerners	0	3

#### '65' Varsity Loses a Game, Wins Two, in 2nd Place

#### Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Equitable Life	3	0
District 65	2	1
National Broadcasting	2	1
N.Y. Mutual Casualty	1	1
N.Y. Life	1	2
Shell Oil	0	2
American Arabian Oil	0	2

The opening game of the season, Dec. 2, proved to be a real shock for the '65 Varsity basketball team. The 65ers faced one of the best industrial teams in the country, Equitable Life Insurance, and lost, 91-59. The big gun for Equitable Life was Dick Surhoff, former N.Y. Knick player. The best performances for the Big Green were turned in by Johnny Lougherty of Rialto Letter and Al Goodman of Textile. Two victories for '65' were scored over a comparatively weak Shell



Record photo by Clarence Bowman

**BASKET IS SCORED** in scrimmage session between Grace S.S. Line team and '65' Varsity at Stuyvesant H.S. gym. Big Green is preparing for game with Time Magazine, scheduled for Dec. 12.

Oil team to the tune of 76-42, and over N.Y. Life.

The Big Green is now resting in second place with an excellent chance of winning the next five games. Of course the squad will be gunning for their next game with Equitable, Feb. 1.

## Classes Coming for Golfers, Present and Would-Be

District 65 golfers and would-be golfers have a golden opportunity in the forthcoming Golf Class scheduled to begin on Friday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the '65' Center. The very popular teacher of past classes will be on tap to teach this session. P.G.A. John Rossi has had vast experience in straightening out the kinks of experienced golfers as well as sending beginners on their way with a good basic knowledge of the game.

The class will be limited in size. Registration for this class must be made in advance.

The class will run every Friday evening for eight weeks. The complete fee will be \$5. This fee includes the use of all equipment such as clubs, tees, mats and balls.

Past sessions of the class have seen a large group of women taking up the game, so let's see you gals keep it up.

Registration will be accepted by mail or in person. You may register any night in the week with Leo Hirschman Club 65 Manager, on the 10th floor of the '65' Center.

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##### Things for Sale

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## feature Section

# 20 YEARS OF CIO

By WILLARD SHELTON

"It fell to us in our generation to meet desperate needs with answers; to be the vehicle for organizing Americans to meet these needs."

**T**HESE WORDS, spoken from the stage of New York's Manhattan Center by Melvyn Douglas, narrator, set the theme for "Image of Freedom," a documentary tribute to 20 years of CIO achievement.

In the darkened hall, among the delegates to the 17th Constitutional Convention of CIO listening to the narration, tears were unashamed and many hearts were filled with pride.

The singer was Joe Glazer, education director of the CIO Rubber Workers Union, supported by the chorus of the Workmen's Circle under the direction of Lazar Weiner.

Once again the great songs rolled out—"Joe Hill" and "We Shall Not Be Moved" and "Solidarity Forever." Once again the words were spoken which have survived through the years as the scriptures of CIO—the articles of faith, the declarations of belief in the dignity and rights of man.

The theme was set as Douglas pronounced the sentence:

"The story of CIO is the story of people—millions of them—working and crying and struggling and rejoicing together; it is the story of practical men who dared to dream and dreamers who dared to be practical."

The words of Philip Murray were evoked from the past: "What is a union for? To feel the pulse beats of people, to promote the well-being of families and of nations."

There were the words of Frank Tuttle, first worker to retire on a CIO-negotiated pension, calculating that his union had got him "28 for 1" for the dollars he had invested but adding:

"What allowance for the fact that we have been building a better world as an inheritance to our children and grandchildren? Even Einstein can't give an equation that will measure these things."

There was the coroner's report on Otis Jones, shot in the back and killed in the Memorial Day Massacre at Republic Steel in South Chicago.

There were the words of the Fisher Body Plant workers, the sitdown strikers, who wired the Governor of Michigan; "We expect that if a

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violent effort is made to oust us, many of us will be killed. We take this means of making it known to our wives, our children, to the people . . . we have decided to stay in."

Sidney Hillman's words rang out again: "We want a better America." And Allan Haywood's words: "Keep this in mind, no government can hold our gains for us. It is only our unions, backed by the solid determination of our members, which can insure our future."

There was the story of the great unions of CIO, including the 160,000-member Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Union, built by great sacrifice and heroic effort.

And Glazer sang:

We're fighting for our children,  
We shall not be moved;  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
We shall not be moved.

There was the story of Van Bittner, who avoided his bodyguards during a time of danger but told his friends, "I'm not walking alone. I'm walking with my God." And the song soared out:

We will build a new world, we will build a new world.  
We will build a new world, some day.  
Oh, oh, down in my heart, I do believe  
We will build a new world some day.

"The CIO was a labor organization during the period 1935 to 1955," Douglas intoned from the stage. "But in a real sense CIO was born, you might say, in dreams and hopes that date back to those eight Philadelphia shoemakers who went on strike in 1806.

"And is there an ending? There can be no end to the unions built, to the gains won, to the ideas instilled . . ."

And from Pres. Walter P. Reuther, speaking of the historic merger agreement: "Let us join hands with the men and women of good will in the AFL and together face the future." The audience sang the final words of strength and brotherhood:

Solidarity forever,  
Solidarity forever,  
Solidarity forever,  
For the Union makes us strong.

# 20 YEARS OF CIO

## A Few Photo Highlights



Leaders of CIO in its hectic early days were Van A. Bittner, left, and Pres. John L. Lewis. They played key role in organizing steel, auto, other industries.



CIO strikes were often marked by police violence. One of worst massacres took place on Memorial Day, 1937 during strike at Republic Steel's mill in Chicago. Cops killed ten pickets, injured many more.



Organizing Ford during Thirties took blood, sweat and tears. Some of the blood was shed by Walter Reuther and Dick Frankensteen of UAW in famed 1937 "Battle of the Overpass" when they were beaten by guards. But in '41 Ford signed best contract in industry.



RWDSU was involved in struggle against giants of American industry, chiefly in bitter Montgomery Ward campaign. U.S. had to take over firm and soldiers removed company president Sewell Avery, above, when Ward defied government order to deal with union.



Philip Murray, beloved leader of CIO and Steelworkers, wasn't stopped by downpour in drive to organize steel industry. Thousands of workers in Johnstown, Pa. stood in rain to hear Murray deliver union message during "Big Steel" campaign.



Merger of three separate unions to form a great new RWDSU took place in May, 1954, presaged 1955 unity of AFL and CIO. L. to r., PJN Pres. Alex Ball, DPO Pres. Arthur Osman, CIO Exec. Vice-Pres. John Riffe and RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg at historic convention.

# Why America Needs A Decent Immigration Law

*Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*

—Inscription on Statue of Liberty by Emma Lazarus

By SENATOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN

The McCarran-Walter Act represents a pyramid of unfounded fears—fear of foreigners; fear of criminals; fear of Communists and anarchists; and fear even of naturalized American citizens. Waves of fear have passed over America—fear of depression in peace and of betrayal in war. Each wave has left its flotsam and jetsam imbedded in our immigration and citizenship laws.

Like the inhabitants of ancient China, we have built a Great Wall designed to keep out fancied hordes of invaders. And like China's Great Wall, our modern-day Wall—The McCarran-Walter Act—has, in fact, served only to isolate us, and not to protect us. Those few resourceful Communists or criminals who are determined to enter our land can enter with a minimum of danger to themselves across the long, unguarded borders of Mexico and Canada.

But our official gates of entry through which we could admit selected, qualified and useful immigrants—and visitors—are kept so heavily barred and guarded that application for lawful entry is discouraged; only those driven by the direct necessity persist in their efforts to gain legal admission into our country. This might be called admission by adverse selection.

I know that some aliens do gain admission to the United States, but it is a fact that some of the most desirable, both would-be immigrants and would-be visitors—scientists, teachers, writers, professionals, and businessmen—are either discouraged from applying or barred from entering.

Under present law, citizenship acquired by naturalization may be stripped from the citizen or may be forfeited by the citizen—on any one of a half dozen or more grounds. And in many cases the citizen involved may not even know that he has forfeited his American citizenship or has been stripped of it. Some of the grounds for denaturalization are acts which a native-born citizen may perform without major penalty or without penalty at all.

And even native-born citizens may lose their citizenship on relatively minor, technical grounds, also without ever knowing about it.

This whittling away, bit by bit, of the inviolability of American citizenship status, is, in my judgment, one of the most dangerous and reprehensible aspects of our present law. And the violent distinctions between naturalized and native-born citizens are, to my mind, un-American and intolerable.

We can and should be careful about whom we admit into the United States. But we should be reasonable—not hysterical. We should have clear and enforceable standards of entry—not an impossible maze of barriers.

In the year 1797, a Congressman looked at the population of the new American nation, and said that while a liberal immigration policy had been a good thing up to then, the United States had already reached the peak of its absorbable population, and that immigration to the United States should be stopped altogether. That was in 1797.

This Representative was the forerunner of many others down through the centuries who thought that they recognized the limits of the potentialities of the United States. It is unfortunate that some of this heritage of pessimism is still present in our land today.

Our capacity for absorbing immigration is still great today. I do not know what it is. No one knows. But it is a fact of our history that our greatest periods of economic expansion took place immediately following great tides of immigration. Our nation continues to support an ever-increasing population at an even-higher standard of living.



What is wrong with the McCarran-Walter Act? It is wrong in principle and wrong in detail. Its principle is primarily restrictionist: it aims at keeping the inflow of immigrants to our country, which was built on immigrants, to the barest minimal level and to base their admission not on the needs of the United States but on a nationalistic or even racial test. It contains innumerable harsh provisions that are entirely out of keeping with American constitutional traditions, and it has done our country probably as much harm in our relations with the rest of the free world as any other single legislative act.

—New York Times editorial,  
Nov. 22, 1955.

Immigrants like this family from Central Europe find McCarran-Walter Act an almost insuperable obstacle to entry into U.S. Sen. Lehman is leading drive to change this unfair, undemocratic law.



Adrienne Hertz of District 65, N.Y. is a 21-year-old brown-eyed brunette who works as a receptionist at a beauty supply shop. She's 5'6", weighs 123, and measures 35-22½-36.

## More Beauties in Contest



Matilda Dobay of New Rochelle, N.Y. is a member of Local 305, employed by American White Cross Labs, Inc. She's a blonde, 5'6" tall, weighs 125, and measures 34-25-36.



Louise Thompson of Local 77, Philadelphia, is 27, works for Weisbord Lampshade Co. Petite Louise is 5'2", weighs 108, and registers 32-22-32 on the tape.



Betty Hammons of Local 379 works at Greyhound Post House in Akron, O. She's a blue-eyed blonde, 5'7", weighs 136 and her bust, waist and hips measures 35-25-35 in that order.

Beautiful contenders for the title of 'Union Queen' continue to flood The Record's office with their entries. They're competing for a batch of wonderful prizes, as well as for the title. There's still time to send in your entry, and thus give your fellow members a chance to vote for you if you're among the five finalists. Send in your best bathing-suit photos, together with name, home address, local number, where employed, age, color of hair and eyes and measurements of bust, waist and hips. Address your entry to The Record's Beauty Contest, 132 West 43 Street, New York 36, N.Y. Do it now!

## MOVIES

*in review*

### GOOD MORNING, MISS DOVE—★★

Good Morning, Miss Dove is currently being offered up by the Roxy Theatre as a holiday treat. Holiday treats are often too sweet and sticky for the average stomach, and this one is no different. Jennifer Jones stars in this movie version of the novel by Frances Gray Patton about a spinster school teacher and her influence on her students over the years.

There is for instance: the little boy from the wrong side of the tracks who grows up to be a fine policeman; the flighty adolescent who finds fulfillment in motherhood; the not-too-bright little girl who becomes a fine nurse; the foreign born boy who achieves success as a playwright; to name just a few. All of them parade through the picture spreading sentimental slush as they recall Miss Dove's all-powerful role in shaping their lives.

Jennifer Jones portrays Miss Dove stiffly and tediously, with barely a change in her facial expression. Robert Stack, Peggy Knudsen and the others in the cast perform in much the same uninspired way.

If this is Hollywood's answer to the Blackboard Jungle, it is far from an adequate one. For while there are such dedicated teachers, in real life they are not glorified and revered but victimized along with their pupils by low salaries, overcrowded schools, split sessions and other hardships. Hollywood would do better to deal with these problems realistically. I do not commend this picture except perhaps to those with a sweet tooth.

—LOUISE REVERBY



Jennifer Jones

### THREE BAD SISTERS—★

The Three Bad Sisters are the unbalanced Craig girls. Valerie (Kathleen Hughes) is a sadistic fiend who isn't content with inheriting part of her father's millions. No, she wants the whole fortune for herself and will stop at nothing, not even murder, to make sure she gets it. Vicki (Marla English), the youngest, is an amoral flirt, interested only in men she steals from other women. It matters not to her that Jim Norton (John Bromfield) plans to marry sister Lorna (Sara Shane). That's what makes him so desirable in her eyes. Morbid Lorna, the eldest, is executor of her father's estate and the weakest of the three neurotic sisters. Valerie has almost convinced Lorna that she has inherited suicidal tendencies from father and grandfather.

These warped sisters, endowed with average intelligence, an estimable social position, an abundance of good looks and a superabundance of money, are unbelievable characters. Their story is neither real nor meaningful, much less entertaining.

Neither Vicki or Valerie bat a mascara-dripping eyelash when they hear of their father's death in an airplane crash. Valerie jumps out of her lover's arms and into action. To insure the whole Craig fortune for her very own, she drives Vicki to suicide and devises a very elaborate trap for Lorna to take her own life too. But Lorna is miraculously saved and thereby rid of her neurotic suicide fears, while Valerie meets sudden death in a car crash. Thus Jim and Lorna are left to live happily ever after with all the millions for their very own.

In the close-ups of Valerie (and there are many) her lipstick can be seen to be very sloppily applied. This sloppiness characterizes the whole film. Story, acting, direction—it's all messy. Three Bad Sisters is one bad picture. Too bad!

—MILLIE TILLER

### RECORD MOVIE RATING

★★★

Umberto D

The Desperate Hours

The Deep Blue Sea

The Night of the Hunter

The African Lion

Oklahoma

Trial

Guys and Dolls

★★★

The Big Knife

I Am a Camera

Marty

To Hell & Back

My Sister Eileen

It's Always Fair Weather

The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing

The Tender Trap

Diabolique

Three Stripes in the Sun

★★

Good Morning, Miss Dove

Man with the Gun

Blood Alley

Gentlemen Marry Brunettes

Rebel Without a Cause

Sincerely Yours

The View From Pompey's Head

Quentin Durward

Queen Bee

Three Bad Sisters

**T**HREE'S a good chance that hundreds of the unionists from all over the nation who are now in New York City for the historic Founding Convention of AFL-CIO have attended a performance or two at the New York City Center, known throughout the world as America's greatest—and probably only—people's theater.

One of the best reasons for the delegates' interest in this thriving community project is that a number of trade union leaders are on the board of directors, along with other prominent members of the New York community. Still more reason for union members' interest and support of the Center is its policy of reducing its reasonable prices for groups of union members attending together on certain nights of the week.

Founded 12 years ago by a group of community leaders, including several union men, the non-profit City Center in its short history has grown from presenting a modest repertoire of three operas, with borrowed costumes and scenery, to a showplace for the people of New York. Impressive dramatic programs and a world famous ballet company, in addition to a fine opera company, now bring more than half a million people to the Center each year.

Top artists of ballet and opera, as well as the finest theatrical talent, perform on its stage. Such stars as Jose Ferrer, Maurice Evans, Judith Anderson, Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn, Helen Hayes, Franchot Tone and many others, give their talent at minimum union scale, enabling the City Center to bring to New Yorkers outstanding productions of modern and classic plays, as well as musicals, at prices so reasonable they put Broadway to shame.

Right now the ballet company is appearing, after a tour of Europe and the United States which brought raves from critics and public. Beginning Jan. 3 the drama season opens with the first American appearance in 10 years of Orson Welles, who is producing and directing revivals of two classics—Volpone, the comedy by Ben Jonson, and Shakespeare's King Lear. To add to the unusual nature of the program, the famous TV comic, Jackie Gleason, is scheduled to appear with Welles in Volpone.

Among other things that delegates to the AFL-CIO Convention will take back to their home towns is this example of the New York City Center as a model for community theaters in their own cities. And, perhaps they will help duplicate it, so that they and their families can also see the best our country has to offer in drama, dance and opera at prices they can afford to pay.

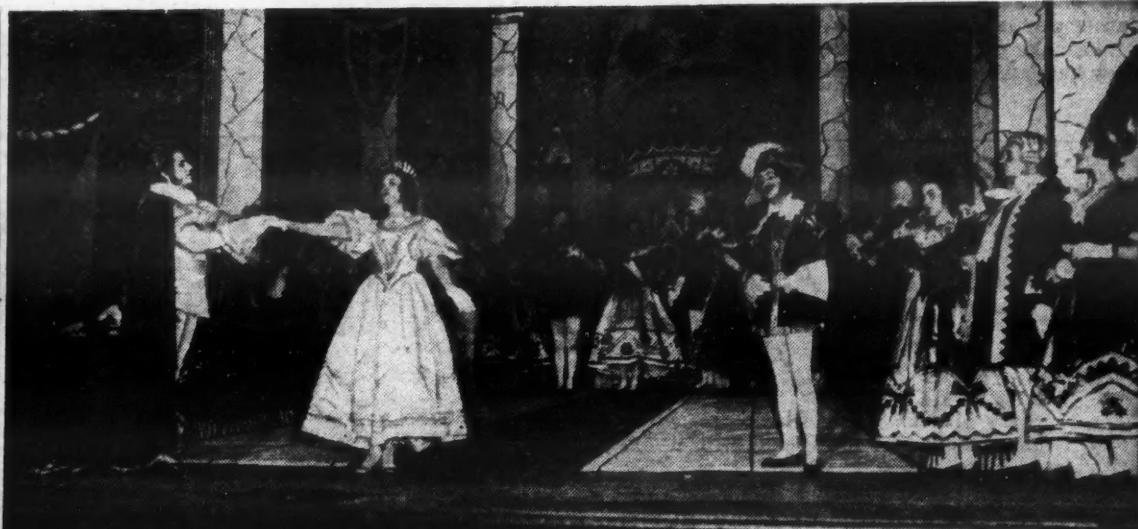
## A Theater for the People



Diana Adams, featured dancer in City Center Ballet Company, twirls a shape-ly limb.



Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn in scene from City Center production of "The Fourposter," long run B'way hit. The famous husband and wife team are among famous stars who perform at New York's people's theater.



↑ Cinderella marries Prince Charming in this scene from City Center production of Rossini's opera. Since Center's founding in 1943, more than 50 different operas have been produced.



← Orson Welles is greeted by N. Y. Mayor Wagner on his return to U. S. after several years abroad. He opens Center's drama season Jan. 3 with classic comedy, "Volpone," and follows with Shakespeare's "King Lear."

# Making Your Home A Happy Place



By SIDONIE GRUENBERG

Editor of The Encyclopedia of Child Care and Guidance

It was crazy. Not one of them could sing. Yet every Thursday evening the whole family gathered in the living room—and sang.

Sometimes they used the radio for accompaniment, sometimes the phonograph. Sometimes they sang without music. When you know that there were six children in this family, ranging in age from four to sixteen, can you understand why the neighbors complained?

Did the family stop singing? Yes. For about six weeks. Then they moved from their large apartment to a house of their own, where they could sing to their hearts' content without disturbing anyone.

Why did this family "song-and-noise-fest" mean more to them than the convenience of their apartment? The answer is that in spite of the fact that all they ever produced in the way of song was a kind of loud, happy noise, this family has discovered one way to make a happy home. They had found a family activity that all could share and enjoy.

Lots of families take their pleasure together. Some just by reading aloud or going to movies, others by inspecting interesting factories, taking in ball games, and picnicking frequently.

## Whatever It Is, Do It Together!

As E. B. Clapp makes clear in "The Encyclopedia of Child Care and Guidance," it doesn't really matter what you do as a family. What's important is that you do something—together!

Encouraging hidden creative talents by making a time and place for them in the home is one way to make the family circle a joy for your children to stay in.

In one family I know, a high-schooler made a ceramic bowl in crafts class one day. Listening to him talk about how much fun it had been, his father decided to make an investment in an inexpensive kiln so they could make ceramics at home. Father and son didn't know it then, but they had both found a lifelong hobby—one they could share.

Neither will ever be a great artist, but both have profited greatly from sharing this interest.

Families often overlook the great art treasures that are theirs to enjoy, in museums and art galleries. Often enough, admission to museums is free, and a family can devote an otherwise dull week-end afternoon to enjoying some of the most stunning art works ever created.

The enjoyment of great art is not limited to city people either. More and more small town and county libraries are setting up picture departments. Use them. Take the pictures into your home and hang them on the wall. Let the whole family see and enjoy great art in a natural setting.

## Stage Your Own Play At Home

If you're looking for a way to delight the younger members of the family, why not try "family play activity?" Stage your own plays. It's fairly simple once you try and the children love this kind of make believe.

All you need to do is begin with a simple story you all know and love. Use a prince or princess as the main character, and let your imagination do the rest. If you can't do it yourself, turn the job over to the kids. They'll handle it.

Once you've got your story—and you don't even need to write it down—let the actors fill in their own words. Costumes are old scarfs, straw hats, junk jewelry, or anything else that serves the purpose. Try it once, and you'll never again wonder how to spend a dull afternoon happily with the children.

Family games are another good way to share happy times. Things like chess and checkers or word games are so obvious they are sometimes neglected. All ages enjoy them, and sets are cheap.

Some games, like Monopoly, have caught the American imagination and have been favorites for twenty years. Others are educational as well as fun to play. Astron, a new game, makes geography a pleasure. Going To Jerusalem, a non-sectarian Bible game, teaches children Scripture.

There are many other games available, most of them inexpensive, designed for three or more players of different ages.

(This is the second in a series of four articles by the renowned Mrs. Gruenberg, expert on child care and guidance.)

# Tips on last-minute CHRISTMAS buying

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Consumer Expert for The Record

Christmas gifts cost a little more this year, especially children's playthings. Apparel and clothing accessories are still comparatively low-priced and will be valuable gifts this Christmas since many clothing prices will be higher in 1956. Some furniture pieces cost more than last year. But a number of household appliances are as low or even lower in price than last year, with the major exception of television sets.

But even though manufacturers' list prices are higher on many gift items, a smart shopper will find plenty of price-cutting at retail levels. It will pay to comparison-shop more widely for gifts this Christmas, as price-fixing on many items has cracked under competitive pressures. More stores this year are cutting prices on such goods as electric trains and the better-grade educational toys which have generally been firmly price-fixed by manufacturers.

But don't confuse genuine discounts or price cuts with exaggerated "discounts" on fictitiously-preticketed holiday merchandise. For Christmas especially, some manufacturers pre-ticket jewelry, watches, perfumes, cutlery sets and other gift-type merchandise with exaggerated printed prices. This is done so retailers can offer what seems to be sensational discounts, but which are no bargain at all, because such merchandise often is low-grade and can be bought for less at any reputable store. There is nothing to prevent a manufacturer or jobber from pre-ticketing his merchandise with any price he wants. But because this situation does exist, you have to be on your guard especially against mer-

chandise carrying a printed price tag on which the retailer claims to offer unusual reduction. As one merchandise expert points out, the packaging of fictitiously preticketed goods is often handsome, but the goods themselves are shoddy.

Here are tips on shopping for popular gift items:

**BIKES AND WAGONS** are still generally as low in price as last year, and some reductions are being offered on lightweight bikes. These are popular with children because of their light weight, and with parents because of their comparatively reasonable prices, but are not necessarily good choices for younger children. They are more delicate than the heavy bikes known as "trucks," and more easily damaged if treated roughly. Those with three-speed mechanisms must be used with care for they are costly to repair.

**DOLLS** are a little costlier this year. Prices rise sharply as costumes become more elaborate, or if the manufacturer has a big advertising tieup with television. One doll widely promoted on TV costs \$17 with a kit of clothes and accessories, while many lesser-known makes of dolls are available for about \$6 for the same size doll with only one costume. You yourself can add more clothing and other accessories such as the inexpensive mitten booties, etc., included in the expensive combination package.

**ORLON SWEATERS** are much in demand this year, especially for children, and can be found at reasonable prices in some stores at least. Big asset of Orlon sweaters of course is their easy washability, with no blocking required, wear resistance and mothproof nature. But they are not as resilient as wool sweaters if you want a snug fit which is also warmer. Some stores get as much as \$10 for a man's Orlon pullover,

while others offer them for as little as \$4. Sometimes the price differential results simply from the fact that some stores charge more than others, but there may be quality variations too. The Orlon yarn is the same, but the construction, knit and finishing varies. In buying Orlon sweaters, look for reinforced seams for additional strength and shape retention, and closely-knit ribbed cuffs for warmth.

**NYLON STRETCH SOCKS** have become one of the most widely-bought types for men and children, and now stretch nylons are becoming popular for women's hosiery. Nylon stretch hose is made of a specially-processed and knitted nylon that stretches to the size of your foot or leg to give a snugger fit than conventional nylons and other yarns. The advantage of stretch socks and stockings for gift giving is that you don't have to know the recipient's size. Prices of stretch hose have come down sharply from the original premium prices demanded by manufacturers. Men's and boy's nylon stretch socks are now available for as little as 59 cents a pair, compared to \$1.50 a pair two years ago. Besides their snug fit, nylon stretch socks give good wear, but some people don't like them because they don't absorb perspiration, thus tend to be warm in warm places and cold in cold weather. Now men's stretch nylon socks have come on the market with cotton interlining in the feet to alleviate the perspiration problem.

Women's stretch nylons also have come down in price from last year when they sold for as much as \$3. This Christmas you can buy them for as little as \$1 a pair. The early stretch nylon stocking 'sometimes popped at the toe and heel, but now manufacturers say this defect has been corrected and stretch stockings wear about as well as conventional nylons.

## Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

• IN HARRISBURG, Pa., a girl handed a disciplinary layoff by her boss because she rejected the romantic attentions of the boss' son cannot be denied unemployment compensation, the State Unemployment Compensation Board of Review ruled last week. The unique case arose when a girl employed for more than five years as a saleslady, was ordered by her boss to take two weeks off without pay because she refused to reciprocate the amorous sentiments of the employer's son. The State's final decision was that the girl was entitled to jobless benefits because "she was justified in not returning to work at the end of her suspension under the conditions set forth by the employer."

• IN TOKYO, JAPAN, the entire labor movement rose up in righteous wrath when restaurant owners advertised for amateur geisha girls to break a five-day strike. The professional geishas walked out when the employers refused to hike their wages from 47 cents to 88 cents an hour. The labor movement was outraged not only at the bosses advertising for strikebreakers but also at their willingness to hire amateurs. Point was that geishas go through at least five years of rigorous training and employment of amateurs would wreck professional standards, said labor leaders.

• IN ANTWERP, BELGIUM, 50 skilled diamond cutters, each of whom chips and polishes literally millions of dollars worth of diamonds each year, went on strike in protest against a basic weekly wage of \$24.

• IN ASPEN, COLO., plans were nearly completed for a luxury health center for "tired businessmen" who need to relax from their arduous executive jobs. The businessmen would be required to stay for a minimum of two weeks and be subjected not only to exercise and mountain scenery but also to "skull - racking" philosophical reading and classical music. One Colorado labor leader, noting that the cost will be \$300-a-week per person, remarked, "This health resort should be ideal for executives who tire themselves out opposing health and welfare plans for their employees."



**GREEN-EYED BLONDE** is Warner Bros.' starlet Vera Miles. A beauty contest winner from Oklahoma and Kansas, she was signed for the role of Laurie Jorgenson in *The Searchers*.

## lighter side of the record

### Ticklers

By George



"How do you like my den? All my life I've wanted a room full of money. It's only stage money but it does give a feeling of security!"





**RWDSU DELEGATION** at first convention of AFL-CIO was joined by many officers of New York locals. They, like thousands of others who packed 71st Regiment Armory to capacity Dec. 5-10, were anxious to be in at birth of 15,000,000-member united labor movement. For additional news and photos of convention, see Pages 2, 3, 5, 9 and 10.



**MODERNAGE**, famous furniture chain, displays RWDSU signs.



**LANES**, biggest unit of Lerner apparel chain, welcomes AFL-CIO



**WHELAN'S** N.Y. drugstores carry RWDSU banners in windows.

## **AFL-CIO Welcomed By N.Y. RWDSUers**

There was no doubt in the mind of any AFL-CIO delegate that New York is a union town—and that RWDSU is one of the city's leading unions. In hundreds of stores throughout the midtown area, Christmas displays in show windows were jugged to make room for bright signs that extended a welcome to the new labor federation from 70,000 organized retail, wholesale and department store employees in the city. On this page are photos of five typical windows.



**REGAL**, like other N.Y. shoe stores, greets AFL-CIO delegates.



**HECHT** Dept. Store on 14th St. has RWDSU sign in the windows.